

Nova Scotia Antidote Program

Quarterly Report: Oct 1st- Dec 31st 2015

The Nova Scotia Antidote Kit program is pleased to present another Quarterly Report, which provides information on changes and trends in antidote therapy and reports ongoing Provincial Antidote usage.

Antidote usage Oct 1st –Dec 31st 2015						
Western Zone 1	Northern Zone 2	Eastern Zone 3	Central Zone 4	IWK	Quarterly Total	*Total to date
4	0	4	19	0	19	*633

Western Zone: Former DHA1, DHA2, DHA3 Northern Zone: DHA4, DHA5, DHA6 Eastern Zone: DHA7, DHA8 Central Zone: DHA9 Health *Total to date includes antidotes used in DHA9 & IWK since 2006

Fomepizole

HealthPro (the group purchasing organization for NS) has a contract with Paladin for fomepizole (Antizol). Paladin is currently allocating the product. If Paladin supply runs out, Provincial Drug Dispensary program (PDDP) can purchase fomepizole from another company, Sterimax. At present, PDDP is also allocating fomepizole so quantity in PDDP catalog will show 0. Please handle orders for fomepizole per normal PDDP allocation ordering procedures.

Awareness of Antidote Stocking

Recently there was a patient receiving a Glucagon infusion in an ICU. Ward stock of glucagon was depleted so the on-call pharmacist was called to locate more. There was a delay in locating more glucagon, which was contained in the antidote kit in the ED. This incident highlighted that **ICU staff** may not be aware of the existence of antidote kits or its contents. We are considering some methods of disseminating information on antidote kits to ICUs in the province.