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Veterinary Oversight of Antimicrobial Use

A Pan-Canadian Framework for Professional Standards for Veterinarians



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Veterinary Oversight

CVMA-Veterinary Pharmaceutical Stewardship Advisory Group
Canadian Council of Veterinary Registrars



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2014- “A Federal Framework for Action”

Three Pillars:

- Surveillance
- Stewardship
- Innovation

Focus of our “framework” is defining professional standards for all veterinarians regarding “Stewardship” and the legitimate process of providing “Oversight”





Veterinary Oversight

Who provides oversight of veterinarians?

- Veterinary medicine is provincially regulated
- Registration of all veterinarians is mandatory
- Provincial Veterinary Licensing Body sets standards of practice and codes of ethics for veterinarians
- Mechanisms in place for verification of compliance, including inspections and complaints investigations
- Differences in provincial requirements currently exist
- Exist to protect the public interest in the delivery of veterinary services





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Direct Impact- we use antimicrobials responsibly because it is expensive to do otherwise

Societal Expectations- we follow all laws and regulations regarding antimicrobial use

Principle Driven- we have an ethical obligation to use antimicrobials responsibly to protect both human and animal health





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Objectives:

- Eliminate unnecessary antimicrobial use
- Improve standards of use where necessary
- Improve animal health to reduce need for antimicrobials
- Overall reduction of use of antimicrobials in animal health
- Improve consumer and public confidence
- Maintain access to essential animal health medications





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Objectives:

- Protect public health/safety
- Meet phyto-sanitary standards involving animal trade





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Veterinarians Role:

- Determination of medical need for treatment
 - Provide written direction for treatment detailing the specific drug, dosage and duration of medication (prescription or veterinary authorization ??)
 - Distribution or direction of distribution of product
 - Use or advise on use of product post distribution
- “Veterinary Client Patient Relationship”





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Veterinarians Role:

- Document in medical record
- Participate in legitimate surveillance programs
- Engage with clients on health and management strategies that reduce the need for antimicrobials
- Consider the importance of a product in human medicine before deciding on a specific course of medication





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Pan-Canadian Framework for Professional Standards for Veterinarians

To provide a template for provincial licensing bodies to develop consistent practice standards regarding provision of veterinary oversight in the use of antimicrobials for veterinarians across Canada





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Issues Addressed:

- Common understanding of “Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR)”
- Differentiating: Prescribing, Dispensing and providing Veterinary Authorization
- Transparency in prescribing and dispensing and the potential conflict of interest
- Extra Label Drug use by veterinarians





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Issues Addressed:

- Compounding of pharmaceuticals
- Use of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients in veterinary practice
- Decision Cascade for prescribing or authorizing antimicrobial treatment
- Surveillance
- Continuing Education needs





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Next Steps:

Draft document to be reviewed by CCVR

Input to be received from stakeholders as more clarity emerges about proposed policy and regulatory changes

Revised document to be considered by provincial veterinary licensing bodies in reviewing and developing policy and standards of practice regarding antimicrobial use





Questions?

Discussion?

