



The Health PEI

# High-Alert Medications Policy

has been updated and is now posted on Medworxx!

The High-Alert Medications Policy supports TWO Accreditation Canada Required Organizational Practices:

- Limiting High Concentration and High Total Dose Opioid Formulations
- Managing High-Alert Medications

## Updates to the Policy Include:

- ✓ The policy now applies to healthcare providers in **ALL** service areas who are involved in any aspect of the medication management process
- ✓ One combined High-Alert Medication list applies to all areas
- ✓ The Concentrated Electrolytes and High-Dose Format Narcotics Policies have been incorporated into the High-Alert Medications Policy and the stand-alone policies have been rescinded
- ✓ Updated wording around telephone orders
- ✓ Includes information on safeguards that have been incorporated into Automated Dispensing Cabinets

**HIGH  
ALERT!**

High-alert medications may cause significant harm when they are administered in error. For this reason, additional safeguards are required to enhance patient safety and reduce patient harm.