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Notice from the Executive Officer

Ongoing Transparency Initiative: Public Posting of Drug Submission Status - Updates

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has publicly posted the status of manufacturers' drug submissions on its website since June 1, 2008.

The purpose of this transparency initiative is to allow industry stakeholders and the public to track the status of drug submissions through the various stages of the review cycle.

The web posting has included single-source (generally brand name) drug submissions undergoing first review and complete streamlined multiple-source (generally generic) submissions for Formulary listing.

Effective immediately, the following additions/enhancements will be made to the drug submission status postings:

- Diabetic test strips will be added to the single-source submission postings
- Each single-source submission status report will include the date on which the submission has been deemed complete
- A monthly report of all complete streamlined Off-Formulary Interchangeability (OFI) submissions will be added to the multiple-source submission postings

Drug submission status postings can be found at the Ontario Public Drug Programs website at: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/drugs/drug_submissions/drug_submission_status.html.