

Ongoing Transparency Initiative – Public Posting of Drug Submission Status

In order to continue enhancing the transparency of the drug review process, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be publicly posting the status of manufacturers' drug submissions on its website.

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.

In the first phase, the web posting will include single-source (generally brand name) submissions undergoing first review and complete streamlined multiple-source (generally generic) submissions for Formulary listing. Posting of status for other submission types (e.g. single-source resubmissions or non-streamlined multiple-source submissions) may be considered in the future depending on stakeholder interest and Ministry resources.

The posting of drug submission status will be implemented on a go-forward basis, commencing with single-source drug submissions received on June 1, 2008 and streamlined multiple-source drug submissions received by the June 4, 2008 deadline.

Status for single-source submissions will be updated on a weekly basis. The posting for streamlined multiple-source submissions will be updated monthly.

Once implemented, status of drug submissions can be found at the Ontario Public Drug Programs website:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/drugs/drugs_program_mn.html.