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The Canadian Pharmacy Law is a comprehensive and efficient working tool to help keep up with the changes in the law and the body of case law that follows. It explains the underlying principles and doctrines of law within the legal system as they apply to the practice of pharmacy and includes all of the latest case law, full legislation, jurisdictional comparison charts of practice in pharmacy, and much more.

What’s New in this Update:

This release features updates to Chapter 9 (Selected Court Cases), Appendix B (Alberta), Appendix C (British Columbia) and Appendix L (Quebec).

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Highlights

- **Author's Comments** — Pharmacy practice does entail the obligation to dispense medication accurately and a pharmacist should always ensure that they meet this obligation regardless of distractions, either personal or workplace. The obligation or duty of care that a pharmacist has is the underlying tenet of professional self regulation. It is interesting to note that regardless of the reasons that the pharmacist put forth for making a dispensing error in *Babb v. RM*, 2024 CanLII 5520 (ON HPARB), it was still her obligation to dispense medication accurately, and that is as it should be.
- **Case Law** — Self regulating bodies are tasked with protection of the public from untrained, incompetent, and/or unethical pharmacy professionals and in both *College of Pharmacists of British Columbia v. Health Hub Pharmacy*, June 28, 2024, available at www.bcpharmacists.org and *College of Pharmacists of British Columbia v. Sidhu*, June 28, 2024, available at www.bcpharmacists.org, the College suspended the pharmacy's and pharmacist's licenses with regard to numerous breaches of provincial legislation and standards of practice. The matters originated with complaints from Health Canada, the Vancouver Police Department, and the College's own inspectors. Public protection and safety was the primary concern.
- **Legislation** — Legislative updates have been applied to material under the Alberta tab, including new versions of the Appendix B9: By-Laws of the Alberta College of Pharmacy, B9.50: Alberta College of Pharmacy—Required References and B10: Code of Ethics By-Law.