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TO: All Physicians in the Province and Regional Health Authorities, DSM and CancerCare Staffs

FROM: Dr. Brock Wright, Chair of the Provincial Medical Leadership Council

RE: UpToDate® - Now Available!

On behalf of major healthcare stakeholders in Manitoba, we are pleased to announce that UpToDate® Anywhere is now available for all physicians in the province and for all staff in organizations funded by Manitoba Health.

Doctors Manitoba, Manitoba Health, the University of Manitoba, Regional Health Authorities, Diagnostic Services Manitoba (DSM), and CancerCare Manitoba worked together to establish and fund a provincial contract with Up to Date that provides health care providers in Manitoba with access through any desktop or mobile device.

We want to thank the University of Manitoba Libraries for their support in establishing and hosting the license agreement and Manitoba e-Health for their technical support.

This is the first clinical decision support tool to be included in what will become a Manitoba “virtual health library” that aims to provide equitable access to information resources for all healthcare providers in the province. This will be achieved through a University platform - MHIKNET (Manitoba's Health Information and Knowledge Network) that may be expanded through further collaborations amongst major healthcare stakeholders in the Province.

Why are we making UpToDate available province-wide?

UpToDate clinical decision support is a respected resource and there is evidence that it improves health outcomes in healthcare delivery systems. Access is now available to clinicians in their office, at home, or at a patient’s bedside. With an increased focus on improving the quality and safety of care while lowering cost, the use of UpToDate has been associated with decreased length of stays in hospitals and lower mortality rates. More than 850,000 clinicians in 176 countries use UpToDate and it impacts thousands of clinical decisions every day.

What does UpToDate provide?

Please go to the link below for detailed information on UpToDate:

http://www.uptodate.com/home/about-us

What is included with UpToDate Anywhere?

- **Free UpToDate Mobile App for your iOS®, Android™, or Windows 8 device**
  Chosen as one of “The Best Apps in Publishing” by EContent Magazine

- **Easy access to UpToDate by logging in from any computer with an Internet connection**

- **Free continuing education credit.** This program meets the accreditation criteria of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been accredited for up to 0.5 CFPC Mainpro®-M1 Credits per Internet point-of-care learning cycle. You may earn up to 15 CFPC Mainpro®-M1 Credits per year for this category
of electronic CME/CPD activity. Use of UpToDate may be recorded on the basis of .5 credits per activity in Section 2 (Scanning) of the Royal College Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program.

(CME/CE/CPD) may be earned when you research a clinical question using UpToDate onsite or remotely – including on your mobile device

- A bi-weekly clinical update with selected What’s New and Practice Changing UpDate notices

How do I access UpToDate?

If you already have access today through an institutional subscription, your path for access will remain the same in addition to gaining some new features. If you do not yet have access to UpToDate, please contact the entity that best describes your affiliation listed below to learn more.

If you already have an UpToDate username and password, do not re-register. This includes those with an Individual Subscription. Enter your existing username and password on the returning user side of the screen (left side). Your previous CME accrual will not be impacted. If you do not know your username and password or want to inquire about your personal subscription, please contact customer service (contact information located on the bottom of the page).

Click on the link that best describes your primary affiliation to learn more:

Faculty, student or resident at University of Manitoba- http://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/health/home
Information on how to log in: http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/services/logging_into_my_account.html

Affiliate of Winnipeg Regional Health Authority- Use current access.
Affiliate of Prairie Mountain Health Regional Health Authority- Use current access.
Affiliate of Interlake & Eastern Regional Health Authority- (link to Interlake –TBD)
Affiliate of Southern Health - Santé Sud Regional Health Authority- Use current access.
Affiliate of Northern Regional Health Authority- Use current access.
Affiliate of Cancer Care Manitoba- http://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/health/home
Other Healthcare entity including private physician offices- http://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/health/home

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