

New e-HLbc Members

Three organizations joined e-HLbc in Fall 2009. As of September, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology is an e-HLbc member. The BC Association of Kinesiologists and Yukon Health and Social Services joined as an affiliate members in October.

In just one year, e-HLbc's affiliate member roster tripled, growing from two to six.

Results from the CPhA Electronic Expenditure Survey

In the 2008 New Product Ranking Survey, e-CPS and e-Therapeutics+ placed 1st and 2nd in the ranking.

e-CPS provides web access to the most current Canadian drug information available. e-CPS contains thousands of Canadian drug monographs, links to Health Canada advisories, printable info for patients, searchable product images and more.

e-Therapeutics+ is a Canadian resource used for managing drug therapy at the point of care. It combines information from Therapeutic Choices with the power of e-CPS and a growing body of external references.

Since 2008, CPhA has begun changing the pricing model they use for electronic products. e-HLbc is working with CPhA to ameliorate the changes to the pricing model.

"We planned to license e-CPS this year but the cost had increased so much we couldn't afford it.

We'd be happy to subscribe to this product consorcially if e-HLbc could work on our behalf to lower the cost. "

In order to better understand current expenditures on CPhA products among members, e-HLbc distributed an expenditure survey. The information gleaned is being used to identify pricing that will continue to place e-CPS and e-Therapeutics+ within reach of e-HLbc members. While pricing must remain confidential, it was clear that there was a desire for e-HLbc to move forward in our talks with CPhA to ameliorate pricing increases and offer drug information to students and practitioners in BC.

- 93% of e-HLbc members responded
- 40% license CPhA electronic products
 - 13 e-HLbc members license e-CPS , 3 members license e-Therapeutics+
- 45% purchase print copies of CPS

STAT!Ref Expression of Interest Survey

What you've said about STAT!Ref's pricing proposal:

"I think it is unreasonable to increase prices by 8-12% annually. I cannot understand it."

"STAT!Ref is extremely appealing but may not be realistic at this time. The projected 8-12% price increase is a definite deterrent and would likely not be something we would commit to."

"The database sounds great, but our budget is very limited. The annual price increases would have to be much less expensive for us to sign on."

We've heard what you're saying! When e-HLbc returns to the negotiating table, we will use your comments to demand rational rates of increase.