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Access to the Drug Information System provincial repository through the **Drug Information System Portal** and the **SHARE Clinical Portal** is expected to begin in November 2014.

The rollout will begin in specific geographic areas with specific users in specific clinical areas and will be broadened over time.

Target user groups include prescribers and non-prescribers in hospital and in community.

Stream 1 – Community Pharmacies (Rollout began: November 2013)

- Connection of community pharmacies to the Drug Information System is rapidly increasing and experience with the system continues to be very positive.
- As the number of pharmacies connected to the system grows, the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists is working to set a target date by which all community pharmacies must be connected to comply with legislation.
- The project team continues to support pharmacy connection and adoption. 'Go Live' Toolkits, which include processes, forms and checklists, are distributed to community pharmacies to assist with connection to the Drug Information System and to support dispensary staff before, during and after 'Go Live'.
- Work continues with pharmacy system vendors on system changes to connect to the Drug Information System.
- As more community pharmacies connect, the volume of information will grow providing greater clinical value to pharmacy, hospital and community users.

Stream 2 – Hospitals and Community Prescribers (Rollout to begin: November 2014)

- Enhancements to the **Drug Information System Portal** to better support clinical workflow are being tested. Prescribers will use this portal to *e-Prescribe* and to update their patients' medication profiles with information such as medical conditions, allergies, adverse reactions and immunizations.
- A new *Community Med Profile* tab will be available in the **SHARE Clinical Portal** to authorized users for view-only access to patients medication profiles. Development of this tab will begin mid-summer.
- A Medication Reconciliation Report has been completed. This report can be generated from either portal to be used as a tool to assist with existing DHA\IWK medication reconciliation processes.

Stream 3 – Provincial EMRs (Rollout expected to begin: Spring 2015)

- The timing of EMR integration will depend on EMR Vendor priorities. It is anticipated that rollout to EMR users is not likely to begin prior to spring of 2015.
- Initial integration discussions are underway with Nightingale. Discussions with the other provincially approved EMR Vendors are expected to begin later this summer.

If you know of an organization that would be interested in learning about the Drug Information System or if you have any questions, please let us know.

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