



ARCS: 292- 30
File: HTH-2014-00299

June 11, 2015

Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Health. You narrowed your request on January 29, 2015 through conversation and/or email with Bethany Haak. Your request is for:

“The submission and review of Varenicline Tartrate by Pharmaceutical Services Division, within the timeframe of May 4, 2007 to December 10, 2010; The resubmission and approval decision, within the timeframe of December 10, 2010 to September 30, 2011; the clinical evidence review, with the propriety material redacted. All correspondence within the Pharmaceutical Services Division and the Drug Benefit Council regarding Varenicline Tartrate between May 4, 2007 and September 30, 2011.”

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 3 (Out of scope), 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), and 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

Please note some information in the records is marked ‘not responsive’ as it does not respond to the wording and/or the date range of your request. Your file is now closed.

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These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Bethany Haak, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-9811. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-387-9811.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Maxine Vanzetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.