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Drugs, Medical Devices & PPE:

- There are **23 (+2 since April 29)** drug clinical trials authorized in Canada. The new clinical trial authorized is for NP-120 (Ifenprodil) as supportive treatment for COVID-19 infected patients. The new clinical trials authorized include one from the University Health Network for interferon lambda for the treatment of patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 and another for a multicentre trial from the University of Manitoba for Innohep (Tinzaparin sodium) / Lovenox (enoxaparin sodium) / Fragmin (dalteparin sodium) / Heparin Sodium as therapeutic-dose anticoagulation for the treatment of hospitalized patients with COVID-19.
- On April 30, Health Canada authorized:
 - o 10 requests for medical device establishment licences (MEDL);
 - o 61 new hand sanitizer products; and
 - o 49 new site licences as per interim expedited service standards for over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and natural health products (NHP).
- **Testing Update:**
 - o As provinces look to dramatically expand testing capacity, ensuring a domestic supply of reagent, chemicals and consumables for the testing process is becoming increasingly important. In support of this effort, swabs manufactured domestically through 3-D printing and plastic injection moulding are currently making their way to the National Microbiology Lab for effectiveness testing.
 - o PSPC has also advised that it has amended the contract with Luminultra to increase the amount of reagent covered by the contract as well as the length of the contract itself.

Procurement Update:

- **N95 Respirator masks:**
 - o **60,000 N95 respirator masks** were received at the PHAC warehouse yesterday (April 30). These masks meet US National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health requirements for N95 respirators and will not require further testing by the NRC before being allocated and distributed to provinces.
 - o Samples from the KN95 Tango masks that arrived from China on April 28 have been shipped to the NRC for testing. This is the first shipment of Tango masks received since the supplier implemented quality control measures to address performance issues with previous shipments of KN95s.
- **Deliveries from China:**
 - o As anticipated, a flight arrived yesterday (April 30) carrying **950,000 N95 respirator masks**. A second flight landed last night (April 30) carrying **700,000 N95 masks, 6 million surgical masks** and an undisclosed quantity shipment of masks for Quebec.
 - o A shipment of **170,000 gowns** is expected to arrive tonight (May 1). An undisclosed amount of additional goods were to be included in the shipment, but were held up due to a random custom check. PSPC is working with consular staff to determine the nature of the issue and whether the delay is related to new export rules introduced by the Chinese government on April 25.
 - o The next flights scheduled to leave China (one on May 5, two on May 6 and one flight on each of May 7, 8 and 9) will be filled with federal PPE and will largely be focused on shipments of PriMED gowns.

• **La Loche PPE Shipped:** PHAC confirmed that the PPE requested by the village of La Loche in Northwestern Saskatchewan was shipped to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Officials from Public Safety Canada will reach out to their provincial counterparts to ensure that the PPE has reached the community of La Loche.

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