

## About *CSCP*

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The *Compendium of Self-Care Products (CSCP)* is a publication compiled and produced by the editorial staff of the Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) for the benefit of all health professionals.

*CSCP* is composed of four major sections: the Comparative Product Tables (compiled by CPhA), Product Information (*CPS* style monographs and CPhA General Monographs for nonprescription products), Information for the Patient (*CPS* style monographs intended for the patient) and the Directory (contains contact information for Poison Control Centres, Health Organizations and Pharmaceutical Manufacturers).

*CSCP* is the nonprescription companion to the *Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties*, commonly known as the *CPS*, and also to *Patient Self-Care (PSC)*. The unique Comparative Product Tables are designed to complement the information in *PSC*, which discusses self-care products in generic terms. After choosing a drug or product for self-care, the user of *PSC* can consult *CSCP* to find the brand name, and therefore the source of the product to be used.

The Comparative Product Tables section represents a comprehensive listing of available nonprescription products in Canada. Most are derived from the Drug Product Database, a listing of drug products approved by Health Canada. Some of the product tables were derived from other sources of nonprescription drug information. This valuable information is presented in an easy-to-use format for health professionals. The tables can be used to select a product to meet specific consumer health needs and to determine the availability and content of most nonprescription drug products available on the Canadian market.

The Product Information section is based upon information received from the participating manufacturers who are highlighted in the Directory. The editors express their thanks to all manufacturers and distributors who have cooperated by supplying information, offering suggestions and reviewing copy.

The general monographs included within the Product Information section (shaded in gray and bearing the CPhA logo) are compiled by CPhA editorial staff and reviewed by the *CPS/CSCP* Editorial Advisory Panel. Those included in this edition are listed on page 359.

Comments concerning *CSCP* 2002–3, its usefulness to health practitioners and suggestions for improvement of future editions are welcomed.