

Pharmacists' Scope of Practice in Canada

Scope of Practice ¹		Province/Territory												
		BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	NWT	YT	NU
Prescriptive Authority (Schedule 1 Drugs) ¹	Independently, for any Schedule 1 drug	X	✓ ⁵	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	In a collaborative practice setting/agreement	X	✓ ⁵	✓ ⁵	✓ ⁵	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X
	Initiate ²													
	For minor ailments/conditions	X	✓	✓	✓ ⁵	X	✓	✓	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	X	X	X
	For smoking/tobacco cessation	X	✓	P	✓ ⁵	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	X	X	X
	In an emergency	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
Adapt ³/Manage	Independently, for any Schedule 1 drug ⁴	X	✓ ⁵	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Independently, in a collaborative practice ⁴	X	✓ ⁵	✓ ⁵	✓ ⁵	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X
	Make therapeutic substitution	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Change drug dosage, formulation, regimen, etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Renew/extend prescription for continuity of care	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Injection Authority (SC or IM) ^{1,5}	Any drug or vaccine	X	✓	✓	✓	X ⁷	X ⁷	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Vaccines ⁶	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Travel vaccines ⁶	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	Influenza vaccine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
Labs	Order and interpret lab tests	X	✓	P ⁸	✓ ⁹	X	✓	P	P ⁸	P	X	X	X	X
Techs	Regulated pharmacy technicians	✓	✓	✓	✓ ¹⁰	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X

1. Scope of activities, regulations, training requirements and/or limitations differ between jurisdictions. Please refer to the pharmacy regulatory authorities for details.

2. Initiate new prescription drug therapy, not including drugs covered under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*.

3. Alter another prescriber's original/existing/current prescription for drug therapy.

4. Pharmacists independently manage Schedule 1 drug therapy under their own authority, unrestricted by existing/initial prescription(s), drug type, condition, etc.

5. Applies only to pharmacists with additional training, certification and/or authorisation through their regulatory authority.

6. Authority to inject may not be inclusive of all vaccines in this category. Please refer to the jurisdictional regulations.

7. For education/demonstration purposes only.

8. Ordering by community pharmacists pending health system regulations and/or infrastructure for pharmacist requisitions to labs.

9. Authority is limited to ordering lab tests.

10. Pharmacy technician registration available through the regulatory authority (no official licensing).

✓ Implemented in jurisdiction

P Pending legislation, regulation or policy for implementation

X Not implemented