

ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION IN PHARMACIES ACROSS CANADA

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NWT	NU
Emergency contraception													
Available over the counter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pharmacists can prescribe (ulipristal acetate, copper IUD)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

Contraception prescribing by pharmacists¹													
Oral contraceptives	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Patch	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Vaginal ring	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Injection (e.g., Depo-Provera)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Injection administration ²	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Subdermal implant	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Intrauterine system and device (hormonal and copper)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Public coverage for pharmacist services^{1,3}													
Emergency contraception prescribing by pharmacist	✓	✓	✓ ⁴	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Hormonal contraception prescribing by pharmacist	✓	✓ ⁵	✓ ⁵	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

1. Pharmacist prescribing authority may differ by province.

2. Provincial authority to perform administration of drugs via injection is subject to specialized training and/or practice certificates.

3. Public drug and service plan eligibility may vary. Coverage within a province may be restricted to certain plans. Number of claims per year also varies.

4. A fee can only be claimed if ulipristal acetate is prescribed for emergency contraception.

5. A fee can only be claimed if a prescription for hormonal contraception is issued.

PUBLIC COVERAGE FOR CONTRACEPTION ACROSS CANADA

U Universal coverage

L Coverage only available under certain plans/programs

X No coverage under any plan/program

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Public coverage for contraception^{1,2}													
Oral Emergency Contraception	U ³	L ³	L	L ³	L ³	L	L ³	L ³	L ³	X	L ³	L	L
Oral contraceptives	U	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Patch	X	X	X	X	X	L	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vaginal ring	U	X	L	X	X	L	L	L	L	L	L	X	X
Injection (e.g., Depo-Provera)	U	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Subdermal implant	U	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	X	X	L
Hormonal intrauterine system (IUS)	U	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	X	X
Copper intrauterine device (IUD)	U	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L	L	X

1. Public drug and service plan eligibility may vary. Coverage within a province may be restricted to certain plans. Number of claims per year also varies.

2. Public drug plans may not cover brand name medications or all available medications within a therapeutic class; yearly maximums and extent of coverage may vary by province.

3. Levonorgestrel is listed for oral emergency contraception. Ulipristal acetate (Ella) is not listed on the provincial formulary.