### INJECTION AUTHORITY AND VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN PHARMACIES ACROSS CANADA

**Authority**
- Temporary authority under an emergency order
- Vaccines
- Drugs and vaccines
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### Pharmacist Injection Authority and Prescribing

#### Scope of injection authority
- P: Prescribes drugs
- D: Administers drugs
- V: Administers vaccines
- L: Limited injection authority

#### Pharmacist authorized to prescribe vaccines
- A: May administer other drugs for patient education/demonstration and in an emergency
- B: No prescription required for most vaccines, incl. influenza, COVID-19, and any vaccine part of a routine immunization program
- C: Pharmacists with Additional Prescribing Authority may prescribe vaccines
- D: Pharmacists may prescribe for a list of preventable and/or travel related diseases approved by the provincial regulator
- E: Prescribing for certain travel-related diseases (SK, NB) or providing comprehensive travel health services (NS) requires additional training in travel medicine
- F: Five vaccines can be administered without a prescription only if the patient is eligible for the publicly funded vaccine (HPV, Tdap, diphtheria, tetanus, pneumococcal and influenza)
- G: Influenza, herpes zoster and COVID-19 are the only vaccines that can be administered without a prescription
- H: No prescription required for any vaccine under the provincial immunization program
- I: Pneumococcal authority in MB only includes polysaccharide-containing vaccines
- J: For travel indications
- K: No age limit for COVID-19 vaccine if engaged by an organization in agreement with the Minister of Health
- L: Authority excludes injectable cosmetic treatments (except in AB)
- M: $ Remuneration is provided by P/T government for publicly-funded vaccine administration or assessment/prescribing of vaccine. Patient eligibility may vary by jurisdiction
- N: Pharmacists may access and administer publicly-funded vaccine; note that for each infectious disease, the individual vaccine product(s) included in public programs through pharmacies may vary by jurisdiction

#### Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines

- **COVID-19**: Influenza, herpes zoster and COVID-19 are the only vaccines that can be administered without a prescription
- **Influenza**: Influenza, herpes zoster and COVID-19 are the only vaccines that can be administered without a prescription
- **Other drugs/vaccines**: Six vaccines can be administered without a prescription only if the patient is eligible for the publicly funded vaccine (HPV, Tdap, diphtheria, tetanus, pneumococcal and influenza)

### Pharmacy Student Injection Authority

- Authority is limited to the technical functions of drug/vaccine administration
- Under supervision of a pharmacist with injection authority
- Prescribing authority is subject to additional training and/or regulatory requirements. Regulations vary by jurisdiction

### Pharmacy Technician Injection Authority

- Authority is limited to the technical functions of drug/vaccine administration
- Under supervision of a pharmacist with injection authority
- Scope of injection authority varies by jurisdiction

### Minimum Patient Age

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### General

- Pharmacists may access and administer publicly-funded vaccine, note that for each infectious disease, the individual vaccine product(s) included in public programs through pharmacies may vary by jurisdiction
- Otherwise, patients requiring these vaccines can access the publicly funded supply through physicians or public health clinics at no charge or can pay the cost of privately acquired product through the pharmacy, except in QC where an eligible patient must obtain a publicly-funded vaccine. Patient eligibility may vary by jurisdiction
- Remuneration is provided by P/T government for publicly-funded vaccine administration or assessment/prescribing of vaccine. Patient eligibility may vary by jurisdiction
- Authority excludes injectable cosmetic treatments (except in AB)
- Prescribing authority is subject to additional training and/or regulatory requirements. Regulations vary by jurisdiction
- Injection training, CPR, and application to regulatory authority required, along with other training depending on jurisdiction
- This is not a comprehensive list of all vaccines pharmacists may administer by injection
- Authority is limited to the technical functions of drug/vaccine administration
- Pharmacists with Additional Prescribing Authority may prescribe vaccines
- Pharmacists may prescribe for a list of preventable and/or travel related diseases approved by the provincial regulator
- Prescribing for certain travel-related diseases (SK, NB) or providing comprehensive travel health services (NS) requires additional training in travel medicine
- Five vaccines can be administered without a prescription only if the patient is eligible for the publicly funded vaccine (HPV, Tdap, diphtheria, tetanus, pneumococcal and influenza)
- Influenza, herpes zoster and COVID-19 are the only vaccines that can be administered without a prescription
- No prescription required for any vaccine under the provincial immunization program
- Pneumococcal authority in MB only includes polysaccharide-containing vaccines
- For travel indications
- No age limit for COVID-19 vaccine if engaged by an organization in agreement with the Minister of Health
- Under emergency order, there are no age restrictions for the administration of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines