

PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY OF PHARMACISTS ACROSS CANADA

 Implemented in jurisdiction
  Pending legislation, regulation or policy for implementation
  Not implemented

Pharmacists can provide the following services at their discretion, given that they are confident in their ability to assess, diagnose and prescribe. The services listed may require jurisdiction specific requirements or certifications.

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Summary of Prescribing Authority													
Independently, for any schedule I drug						 ²		 ³					
In a collaborative practice setting or under a collaborative practice agreement					 ⁴								
Renew/extend prescription													
Change drug dosage, formulation, regimen, etc.													
Therapeutic substitution			 ⁵										
Deprescribing													
Minor/common ailments				 ⁶									
Vaccines				 ⁷									
Dermatological Conditions													
Acne (mild)													
Calluses and corns													
Dermatitis (atopic, contact, irritant)			 ⁸				 ⁹	 ⁹	 ⁹	 ¹⁰			
Diaper dermatitis, candidal													

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Folliculitis (infected hair follicles)													
Herpes zoster (shingles)													
Impetigo													
Minor cuts													
Onychomycosis (fungal nail infection)			 ¹¹										
Pediculosis (head lice)													
Psoriasis													
Seborrheic dermatitis (dandruff)				 ¹²									
Tinea (fungal) skin infections, e.g. tinea corporis (ringworm), tinea cruris (jock itch), tinea pedis (athlete's foot)				 ¹³	 ¹⁴								
Urticaria (mild; hives, bug bites, stings)													
Warts (excl. facial and genital)													
Gastrointestinal Conditions													
Diarrhea (non-infectious)													
Dyspepsia (indigestion)													
Gastroesophageal reflux disease (heartburn)													
Hemorrhoids													
Threadworms and pinworms			 ¹⁵							 ¹⁵			
Vomiting/Nausea			 ¹⁶	 ¹⁶	 ¹⁶								

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Reproductive & Genitourinary Conditions													
Dysmenorrhea (pre-menstrual and menstrual pain)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Emergency contraception	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Erectile dysfunction	✗	✓	✓ ¹¹	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Hormonal contraception	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Prenatal care (folic acid, vitamins)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Uncomplicated acute cystitis (urinary tract infection)	✓ ¹¹	✓	✓ ¹¹	✓ ¹¹	✓	✓	✓ ¹¹	✓ ¹¹	✓ ¹¹	✓ ¹¹	✓	✗	✗
Vaginal candidiasis (yeast infection)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Sexually Transmitted Infections													
Chlamydia	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Gonorrhea	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Herpes simplex (genital herpes)	✗	✓	✓ ¹¹	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
HIV (prophylaxis)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Respiratory Conditions													
Allergic rhinitis (seasonal allergies)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Asthma	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Cough	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
COVID-19 treatment (e.g. Paxlovid)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Influenza (prophylaxis)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

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Protective treatment for patients taking an anti-inflammatory medication who are at risk for GI complications	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Routine Vaccines													
COVID-19	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Diphtheria	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Haemophilus influenza Type B	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Hepatitis A	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Hepatitis B	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Herpes zoster (shingles)	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Influenza	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Measles	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Meningococcal disease	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Mumps	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Pertussis	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Pneumococcal disease	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Polio	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Rabies	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓¹⁹*	✓	X	✓	X	X
Rotavirus	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Rubella	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X

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Tetanus	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Varicella zoster (chickenpox)	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Traveler's Vaccines													
European tick-borne encephalitis ²⁰	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
Japanese encephalitis	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓ ¹⁹ *	✓	X	✓	X	X
Traveler's diarrhea (oral, inactivated)	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Typhoid	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓*	✓	X	✓	X	X
Yellow fever	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓*	✓	X	✓	X	X
Travel Health Medications													
Acute mountain sickness (altitude illness)	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
Malaria	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
Traveler's diarrhea (antibiotics)	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X

1 Pharmacist with Additional Prescribing Authorization (APA) in Alberta may prescribe any Schedule 1 Drug, not limited to this list

2 As of December 9, 2026, pharmacists will be able to prescribe any medication to treat a diagnosed chronic disease, for preventive purposes, or to treat a common health problem.

3 May prescribe independently for an established diagnosis. Only funded at Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinics.

4 May have additional prescribing authority under an established medical directive.

5 Only under a collaborative practice agreement

6 Authority is restricted

7 Permitted to give some publicly funded vaccines without a prescription

8 Atopic only

9 Allergic contact dermatitis only

10 Atopic and contact dermatitis only

11 Previous diagnosis required

12 Excluding pediatric

13 Tinea pedis only

14 Applies to Ringworm and Jock itch only

15 Pinworms only

16 Only during pregnancy

17 Bacterial and allergic conjunctivitis only

18 Can also prescribe for early Lyme disease

19 Requires a prescription from pharmacist with a Certificate in Travel Health.

20 Not currently available in Canada

* Only available through Community Health Teams

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