PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY OF PHARMACISTS ACROSS CANADA



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 and prescribe. The services listed may require jurisdiction specific requirements or certifications.

	BC	AB ¹	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	ΥT	NWT	NU
Summary of Prescribing Authority													
Independently, for any schedule I drug	X	\checkmark	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
In a collaborative practice setting or under a collaborative practice agreement	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	X	\checkmark	~	~	X	X	X	X	X
Renew/extend prescription	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X
Change drug dosage, formulation, regimen, etc.	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		X	X
Therapeutic substitution	\checkmark	\checkmark	P ²	X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X
Deprescribing	X	\checkmark	X	X	X	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	X	X	X
Minor/common ailments	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	 	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X
Vaccines	X	\checkmark		X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X
Dermatological Conditions													
Acne (mild)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	3	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X
Calluses and corns	X	\checkmark	X	X	X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	X	X	X
Dermatitis (atopic, contact, irritant)	~	~	4	~	~	> ⁵	6	6	6	7		X	X
Diaper dermatitis, candidal	~	\checkmark		X	~	3	X	X	X	X		X	X

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Folliculitis (infected hair follicles)	X	~		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Herpes zoster (shingles)	\checkmark	\checkmark	 	X	X	8	\checkmark		\checkmark		\checkmark	X	Χ
Impetigo	~	~	~	X	~	X	~		~		~	X	X
Minor cuts	X	~	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Onychomycosis (fungal nail infection)	~	~	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	\checkmark	X	X	X
Pediculosis (head lice)	X	~	X	X	X	~	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Psoriasis	X	~	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Seborrheic dermatitis (dandruff)	~	~	X	9	X	X	 				X	X	Χ
Tinea (fungal) skin infections, e.g. tinea corporis (ringworm), tinea cruris (jock itch), tinea pedis (athlete's foot)	~	~		10	X	3	~		 Image: A start of the start of		X	X	X
Urticaria (mild; hives, bug bites, stings)	~	~	~	~	~	X	 		\checkmark		\checkmark	X	X
Warts (excl. facial and genital)	X	~	X	X	X	X	 		\checkmark		X	X	X
Gastrointestinal Conditions								1		1			
Diarrhea (non-infectious)	X	~	X	X	X	~	\checkmark		~		X	X	X
Dyspepsia (indigestion)	~	~	X	X	X	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	X	X	X
Gastroesophageal reflux disease (heartburn)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	~	\checkmark		~		\checkmark	X	X
Hemorrhoids	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	3	~					X	X
Threadworms and pinworms	~	~		X	~	X	~		\checkmark	11	\checkmark	X	X
Vomiting/Nausea	X	\checkmark	✓ ¹²	✓ ¹²	12	~	~		\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	X

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Reproductive & Genitourinary Conditions													
Dysmenorrhea (pre-menstrual and menstrual pain)	\checkmark	 Image: A start of the start of	~	X	\checkmark	3		 Image: A start of the start of	\checkmark		\checkmark	X	X
Emergency contraception	~	~	~	X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	 Image: A start of the start of	\checkmark	X	X	X
Erectile dysfunction	X	\checkmark	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hormonal contraception	\checkmark	~	~	X	X	\checkmark	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	X
Prenatal care (folic acid, vitamins)	X	~	X	X	X	\checkmark	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Uncomplicated acute cystitis (urinary tract infection)	3	\checkmark	3	3		3	3	~ ³	3	3	~	X	X
Vaginal candidiasis (yeast infection)	~	\checkmark	X	X		3	 	 Image: A start of the start of	 Image: A start of the start of		~	X	X
Sexually Transmitted Infections				1	11	1				I			
Chlamydia	X	~	X	X	X	13	X	X	X	X	X	X	Χ
Gonorrhea	X	~	X	X	X	13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Herpes simplex (genital herpes)	X	~	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
HIV (prophylaxis)	X	~	X	X	X	× 8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Respiratory Conditions													
Allergic rhinitis (seasonal allergies)	~	<	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	3	\checkmark	<	 Image: A start of the start of	~	\checkmark	X	X
Asthma	X	~	X	X	X	14	X	X	X	X	X	X	Χ
Cough	X	~	X	X	X	X	~	~	~	\checkmark	X	X	X
COVID-19 treatment (e.g. Paxlovid)	X	~	~	X		~	 	Χ	\checkmark		~	X	X
Influenza (prophylaxis)	X	\checkmark	X	X		\checkmark	Χ	X	X	X	X	X	Χ

	ВС	AB ¹	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	ΥT	NWT	NU
Nasal congestion	X		X	\checkmark	X	X		\checkmark	\checkmark		X	X	X
Pharyngitis (sore throat)	X		X	X	X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	<	\checkmark	X	X	X
Mouth Conditions	1	1		1									
Aphthous ulcers (canker sores)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	3	\checkmark	3	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X
Candida stomatitis (oral thrush)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	3	\checkmark	~	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X
Herpes labialis (cold sores)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	3	\checkmark	3	 	~	\checkmark	X	Χ
Eye Conditions													
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	\checkmark			X	\checkmark	318	16	16	X	\checkmark	~	X	X
Xerophthalmia (dry eyes)	X		X	X	X	X		\checkmark	~		X	X	X
Musculoskeletal, Vascular and Central Nerv	vous Syste	em Condi	itions	1			I I						
Headache (mild)	\checkmark			X	X	X		\checkmark	~	~	X	X	X
Joint pain (minor)			X	X	X	X		~	 		\checkmark	X	Χ
Muscle pain (minor)	\checkmark			X	~	X	\checkmark	~	 		\checkmark	X	Χ
Sleep disorders (minor)	X		X	X	X	X	\checkmark	~	 	\checkmark	X	X	X
Other													
Antibiotic prophylaxis in people with heart valves	X	~	X	X	X	~	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lyme disease (prophylaxis; following tick bite)	X	~	X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	17	X	X	X	X	X
Nicotine dependency (smoking cessation)		\checkmark						 Image: A start of the start of	~			X	X

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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	\checkmark					~	X	X
Diphtheria	X	\checkmark		X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark					X	X
Haemophilus influenza Type B	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	~	\checkmark		X	\checkmark		X	X
Hepatitis A	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark					X	X
Hepatitis B	X			X	X							X	X
Herpes zoster (shingles)	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	~						X	X
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	X	\checkmark		X	X	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	X	X
Influenza	X	\checkmark		X	X	~					\checkmark	X	X
Measles	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X
Meningococcal disease	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	 	\checkmark		X			X	X
Mumps	X			X	X	~			X			X	X
Pertussis	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	 						X	X
Pneumococcal disease	X			X	X	~						X	X
Polio	X			X	X	\checkmark			X			X	X
Rabies	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	~				X	\checkmark	X	X
Rotavirus	X	\checkmark	X	X	X	~	X	X	X			X	X
Rubella	X	\checkmark		X	X	~			X			X	X

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Tetanus	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	~		\checkmark	X	X
Varicella zoster (chickenpox)	X		\checkmark	X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X		~	X	X
Traveler's Vaccines													
European tick-borne encephalitis	X			X	X	X			~	X	X	X	X
Japanese encephalitis	X	\checkmark		X	X	\checkmark			\checkmark	X	~	X	X
Traveler's diarrhea (oral, inactivated)	X	 		X	X	\checkmark			X	\checkmark	~	X	X
Typhoid	X	\checkmark		X	X	\checkmark			\checkmark	X	~	X	X
Yellow fever	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	~	X	X
Travel Health Medications													
Acute mountain sickness (altitude illness)	X	\checkmark		X	X	15	Χ		X	X	~	X	X
Malaria	X	\checkmark		X	X	\checkmark			X	X	\checkmark	X	X
Traveler's diarrhea (antibiotics)	X	\checkmark		X	X	8	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X

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

- 2 Only under a collaborative practice agreement
- 3 Previous diagnosis required
- 4 Atopic only
- 5 Previous diagnosis only required for atopic dermatitis
- 6 Allergic contact dermatitis only
- 7 Atopic and contact dermatitis only
- 8 Requires referral to a physician or nurse practitioner upon prescribing
- 9 Excluding pediatric
- 10 Tinea pedis only
- 11 Pinworms only
- 12 Only during pregnancy
- 13 For at risk partners of positive patient
- 14 Emergency prescription and administration following an asthma attack
- 15 Excluding dexamethasone or sildenafil
- 16 Bacterial and allergic conjunctivitis only
- 17 Can also prescribe for early Lyme disease
- 18 Allergic conjunctivitis only



