

INJECTION AUTHORITY AND VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN PHARMACIES ACROSS CANADA

 Authority































































































































































































































































































 Temporary authority under an emergency order

 Vaccines

 Drugs and vaccines

 Limited authority

 No authority

| | BC | AB | SK | MB | ON | QC | NB | NS | PE | NL | YT | NWT | NU |
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| Pharmacist Injection Authority and Prescribing | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scope of injection authority ^{1,2} |  |  |  |  |  |  ^A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pharmacists authorized to prescribe vaccines ³ |  ^B |  ^C |  ^{D E} |  ^F |  ^G |  |  ^{D E} |  ^{E H} |  ^D |  ^D |  ^{D G} |  |  |
| Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines ^{4,5, L} | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Influenza |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  |  |
| COVID-19 |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  |  |
| Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) |  |  ^{\$} |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pneumococcal |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meningococcal |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  |
| Haemophilus influenza B (Hib) |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hepatitis A |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hepatitis B |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diphtheria, tetanus (with/without pertussis) |  ^{*\$} |  ^{*\$} |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Varicella zoster (chickenpox) |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Herpes zoster (shingles) |  |  |  |  |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |
| Human papillomavirus (HPV) |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |
| Polio |  ^{*\$ I} |  |  |  |  |  ^{*\$} |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pharmacy Student Injection Authority ^{4,6} | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Influenza |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COVID-19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other drugs/vaccines ⁷ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pharmacy Technician Injection Authority ^{4,6,8} | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Influenza |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COVID-19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other drugs/vaccines ⁷ |  |  |  |  |  ^K |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum Patient Age | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minimum patient age | ≥2 years intranasal ≥4 years injectable | ≥2 years | ≥5 years | ≥2 years influenza, COVID-19 ≥5 years other injectable, excl. vaccines ≥7 years other vaccines | ≥6 months COVID-19 ≥2 years influenza ≥5 years all other injectable | ≥2 years influenza or travel-related vaccines ≥6 years all other injectable ^L | ≥2 years | No age restriction | ≥2 years intranasal influenza ≥5 years influenza, rabies (pre-exposure), traveller's diarrhea, or other drugs ≥12 years COVID-19 ≥18 years other vaccines | ≥ 2 years influenza, COVID-19 ≥ 5 years all other injectable | ≥5 years | | |
| <p>General:</p> <p>* 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. Patient eligibility may vary by jurisdiction.</p> <p>\$ Remuneration is provided by P/T government for publicly-funded vaccine administration or assessment/prescribing of vaccine. Patient eligibility may vary by jurisdiction.</p> <p>1. Pharmacists are required to complete hands-on training for administration of drug products or vaccines by injection and they must register their training with the appropriate regulatory authorities.</p> <p>2. Authority excludes injectable cosmetic treatments (except in AB)</p> <p>3. Prescribing authority is subject to additional training and/or regulatory requirements. Regulations vary by jurisdiction.</p> <p>4. Injection and CPR training and application to regulatory authority required in most cases. Specific requirement vary by jurisdiction and pharmacy professional.</p> <p>5. This is not a comprehensive list of all vaccines pharmacists may administer by injection.</p> <p>6. Under supervision of a pharmacist with injection authority.</p> <p>7. Scope of injection authority varies by jurisdiction.</p> <p>8. Authority is limited to the technical functions of drug/vaccine administration.</p> <p>Jurisdictional:</p> <p>A. May administer other drugs for patient education/demonstration and in an emergency.</p> <p>B. No prescription required for most vaccines, incl. influenza, COVID-19, and any vaccine part of a routine immunization program.</p> <p>C. Pharmacists with Additional Prescribing Authority may prescribe vaccines.</p> <p>D. Pharmacists with an Extended Practice Certificate may prescribe for a list of preventable and/or travel related diseases approved by the provincial regulator.</p> <p>E. Prescribing for certain travel-related diseases (SK, NB) or providing comprehensive travel health services (NS) requires additional training in travel medicine.</p> <p>F. A pharmacist cannot administer a vaccine that has been prescribed by a pharmacist. Six vaccines can be administered without a prescription only if the patient is eligible for the publicly funded vaccine (HPV, Tdap, diphtheria, tetanus, pneumococcal, influenza and COVID).</p> <p>G. A prescription is not required for vaccines listed in Schedule II of NAPRA's National Drug Schedules.</p> <p>H. No prescription required for any vaccine under the provincial immunization program.</p> <p>I. For travel indications.</p> <p>J. RSV vaccine only.</p> <p>K. Under emergency order, there are no age restrictions for the administration of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.</p> <p>L. Pharmacists at Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinics in Nova Scotia are paid to administer to patients eligible for the publicly funded program.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |