PHARMACISTS' SCOPE OF PRACTICE IN CANADA



Implemented in jurisdiction

P Pending legislation, regulation or policy for implementation



implemented

		BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	ΥT	NWT	NU
Prescriptive Authority (Schedule 1 Drugs) Initiate ^{1,2}	Independently, for any Schedule 1 drug	X	✓ ⁴	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	In a collaborative practice setting/agreement	X	✓ ⁴	✓ ⁴	4	X	\checkmark			X	X	X	X	Х
	For minor ailments/conditions		~	\checkmark	 ✓ 4 	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓ ⁴	\checkmark	~	X	Х
	For smoking/tobacco cessation	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓ ⁴	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓ ⁴	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	X
	In an emergency	✓ ⁶	\checkmark	6	✓ ⁷	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	6	6	X	X
Adapt/ Manage ^{1,3}	Make therapeutic substitution		 Image: A start of the start of	8	X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	~	X	X
	Change drug dosage, formulation, regimen, etc.		 Image: A start of the start of	⁸	~	\checkmark					~	~	X	X
	Renew/extend prescription for continuity of care		 Image: A start of the start of	~	\checkmark							 Image: A start of the start of	~	Х
Injection Authority (SC or IM) ^{1,4}	Drugs ⁵		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	X	X
	Vaccines ⁵		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	X	X
	Influenza vaccine		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	X	X
Labs	Order and interpret lab tests	X	 	P ⁹	10	X	\checkmark	Ρ	P ⁹	✓ ¹¹	X	X	X	Х
Techs	Regulated pharmacy technicians		\checkmark	\checkmark	✓ ¹²	\checkmark	Χ		\checkmark		\checkmark	Χ	X	X

1. Scope of activities, regulations, training requirements and/or limitations differ between jurisdictions. Please refer to the pharmacy regulatory authorities for details.

2. Initiate new prescription drug therapy, not including drugs covered under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

- 3. Alter another prescriber's original/existing/current prescription for drug therapy.
- 4. Applies only to pharmacists with additional training, certification and/or authorisation through their regulatory authority.
- 5. Authority to inject may not include all drugs or vaccines. Please refer to the jurisdictional regulations.
- 6. Applies only to existing prescriptions, i.e., to provide continuity of care.
- 7. Pursuant to a Ministerial Order during a public health emergency.
- 8. Applies only to pharmacists working under collaborative practice agreements.
- 9. Pending health system regulations for pharmacist requisitions to labs.
- 10. Authority is limited to ordering lab tests.
- 11. Authority limited to ordering blood tests. No authority to interpret tests.
- 12. Pharmacy technician registration available through the regulatory authority (no official licensing).

