

PHARMACISTS' SCOPE OF PRACTICE IN CANADA

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

		BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	YT	NWT	NU
Prescriptive Authority (Schedule 1 Drugs)	Independently, for any Schedule 1 drug		 ³				 ⁴		 ⁵					
	In a collaborative practice setting/agreement		 ³	 ³	 ³	 ⁶								
Initiate ^{1,2}	For minor ailments/conditions				 ³					 ³				
	For smoking/tobacco cessation				 ³					 ³				
	In an emergency	 ⁷		 ⁷	 ⁸						 ⁷	 ⁷		
Adapt/Manage ^{1,9}	Make therapeutic substitution			 ¹⁰			 ¹¹							
	Change drug dosage, formulation, regimen, etc.			 ¹⁰										
	Renew/extend prescription for continuity of care													
Injection Authority (SC or IM) ^{1,3}	Drugs ¹²						 ¹³							
	Vaccines ¹²													
	Influenza vaccine													
Labs	Order and interpret lab tests			 ¹⁴	 ¹⁵			 ¹⁶	 ^{14, 17}	 ¹⁸				
Techs	Regulated pharmacy technicians				 ¹⁹									

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. Applies only to pharmacists with additional training, certification and/or authorisation through their regulatory authority.
4. As of December 9, 2026, pharmacists will be able to prescribe any medication to treat a diagnosed chronic disease or for preventive purposes.
5. May prescribe independently for an established diagnosis. Only funded at Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinics.
6. May have additional prescribing authority under an established medical directive.
7. Applies only to existing prescriptions, i.e., to provide continuity of care.
8. Pursuant to a Ministerial Order during a public health emergency.
9. Alter another prescriber's original/existing/current prescription for drug therapy.
10. Applies only to pharmacists working under collaborative practice agreements.
11. In cases of supply interruptions, market withdrawal, patient safety concerns, without prescriber access, or medication administration difficulties.
12. Authority to inject may not include all drugs or vaccines. Please refer to the jurisdictional regulations.
13. As of December 9, 2026, pharmacists will be able to administer medications (SC, IM, ID) for therapeutic purposes, to demonstrate appropriate injection techniques, or in emergencies requiring immediate intervention until first responders arrive.
14. Pending health system regulations for pharmacist requisitions to labs.
15. Pharmacists were granted authority to order and interpret lab tests in 2020, but in practice, are currently unable to order/interpret lab tests
16. Authority was previously enabled under the Pharmacist Care Clinic project until 2025.
17. Enabled at Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinics and some primary care and hospital settings.
18. Pharmacists have the authority to order and interpret screening and diagnostic tests that do not use prescribed forms of energy to monitor and manage drug therapy.
19. Pharmacy technician registration available through the regulatory authority (no official licensing).