

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

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

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Reproductive & Genitourinary Conditions													
Dysmenorrhea (pre-menstrual and menstrual pain)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓ ³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Emergency contraception	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Erectile dysfunction	✗	✓	✓ ³	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Hormonal contraception	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Prenatal care (folic acid, vitamins)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Uncomplicated acute cystitis (urinary tract infection)	✓ ³	✓	✓ ³	✓ ³	✓	✓ ³	✓ ³	✓ ³	✓ ³	✓ ³	✓	✗	✗
Vaginal candidiasis (yeast infection)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓ ³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Sexually Transmitted Infections													
Chlamydia	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓ ¹³	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Gonorrhea	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓ ¹³	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Herpes simplex (genital herpes)	✗	✓	✓ ³	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
HIV (prophylaxis)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓ ⁸	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Respiratory Conditions													
Allergic rhinitis (seasonal allergies)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Asthma	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓ ¹⁴	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X
Rotavirus	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X
Rubella	X	✓	✓	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	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
Japanese encephalitis	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X
Traveler's diarrhea (oral, inactivated)	X	✓	✓	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	✓ ¹⁵	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
Malaria	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
Traveler's diarrhea (antibiotics)	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓ ⁸	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	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

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