

PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY OF PHARMACISTS ACROSS CANADA



Implemented in jurisdiction



Pending legislation, regulation or policy for implementation



Not implemented

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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							
Eczema (mild to moderate)						³							

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Folliculitis (infected hair follicles)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Herpes zoster (shingles)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓ ⁸	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Impetigo	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Minor cuts	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Onychomycosis (fungal nail infection)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
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	✓	✗	✗
Vomiting/Nausea	✗	✓	✓ ¹²	✓ ¹²	✓ ¹²	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

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Reproductive & Genitourinary Conditions													
Dysmenorrhea (pre-menstrual and menstrual pain)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓ ³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Emergency contraception	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Erectile dysfunction	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Hormonal contraception	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Prenatal care (folic acid, vitamins)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Uncomplicated acute cystitis (urinary tract infection)	✓	✓	✓	✓ 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													
Routine Vaccines													
COVID-19													
Diphtheria													
Haemophilus influenza Type B													
Hepatitis A													
Hepatitis B													
Herpes zoster (shingles)													
Human papillomavirus (HPV)													
Influenza													
Measles													
Meningococcal disease													
Mumps													
Pertussis													
Pneumococcal disease													
Polio													
Rabies													
Rotavirus													
Rubella													

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

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