



Pharmacists' Expanded Scope of Practice in Canada

Implemented in jurisdiction

Pending legislation, regulation or policy for implementation

Not implemented

Expanded Scope

Province/Territory

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	NWT	YT	NU
Provide emergency prescription refills						^{7,8}							
Renew/extend prescriptions				⁴		⁷							
Change drug dosage/formulation						^{7,8}							
Make therapeutic substitution						^{7,8}				¹²			
Prescribe for minor ailments/conditions		¹				^{7,8}							
Initiate prescription drug therapy			²		⁵	^{7,8}	¹⁰	²	²				
Order and interpret lab tests			³		⁷	⁷			¹¹				
Administer a drug by injection			³		⁶	^{7,9}							
Regulated Pharmacy Technicians			³										

1. AB: pharmacists in Alberta who have "additional prescribing authority" can prescribe a Schedule F drug (prescription-only), including those for the treatment of minor ailments
2. SK, NS & PEI: only as part of assessment and prescribing for minor ailments
3. SK: legislation introduced, expected implementation by fall 2015
4. MB: as Continued Care Prescriptions under section 122 of the Regulations to the Pharmaceutical Act
5. ON: restricted to prescribing specified drug products for the purpose of smoking cessation
6. ON: administration of influenza vaccination to patients five years of age and older; administration of all other injections and inhalations for demonstration and educational purposes
7. QC: pending Orders in Council (activity enabled by passage of Bill 41, an Act to amend the Pharmacy Act, December 8, 2011; regulation for this activity was planned for September 3, 2013, however it was postponed by Orders in Council on August 22, 2013)
8. QC: when authorized by a physician by means of a "collective prescription" (i.e., collaborative practice agreement)
9. QC: for demonstration purposes only
10. NB: prescribing constitutes adapting, emergency prescribing, prescribing non-prescription drugs or within a collaborative practice
11. PEI: implementation is pending pharmacist education and the development of standards of practice
12. NL: limited to non-formulary generic substitution