Your pharmacist can now assess and prescribe for these Minor Ailments:

Allergic Rhinitis

Calluses and Corns

Cold Sore

Contact Allergic Dermatitis

Cough

Dandruff

Dry Eyes

Hemorrhoids

Impetigo

Indigestion/Acid Reflux

Nasal Congestion

Sore Throat

Menstrual Cramps

Mild Acne

Mild Bites, Stings & Hives

Mild Headache

Mild to Moderate Eczema

Minor Muscle & Joint Pain

Minor Sleep Disorders

Nausea

Non-infectious Diarrhea

Oral Ulcers

Skin Fungal Infections (e.g. Athlete's Foot)

Threadworms and Pinworms

Thrush

Warts

Yeast Infection

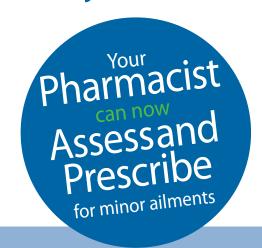


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Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Minor Ailment?

Currently, there are 31 ailments for which your pharmacist can assess and prescribe. This brochure contains the full list of minor ailments. Talk to your pharmacy team for more details.

How will my privacy be protected?

Your privacy is a priority for all members of our pharmacy team. That's why all minor ailment assessments take place in a private counseling room. Your records are then stored in accordance with all of Canada's and Nova Scotia's privacy laws.

Will my doctor know about this visit?

Pharmacists are required by our Standards of Practice to inform your primary physician when pharmacists write a prescription for you. If a pharmacist writes me a prescription, do I have to get it filled at that pharmacy?

Pharmacists are legal prescribers and patients may have their prescriptions filled at the pharmacy of their choice, just as if a doctor had written the prescription.

I have a drug plan, will it pay for prescriptions written by pharmacists?

Pharmacists are recognized as prescribers by most drug plans.

I always get my prescriptions from my doctor, is it safe to get a prescription from a pharmacist?

Pharmacists are highly trained professionals who are experts in medications and their effects on the human body. In fact, family physicians and specialists regularly seek their expertise on drug related issues.

Will a Minor Ailment Assessment always result in a prescription?

After the pharmacist assesses a patient they, in conjunction with the patient, determine the appropriate course of action. This could be a prescription, a recommendation for an over the counter medication or a referral to a physician.

