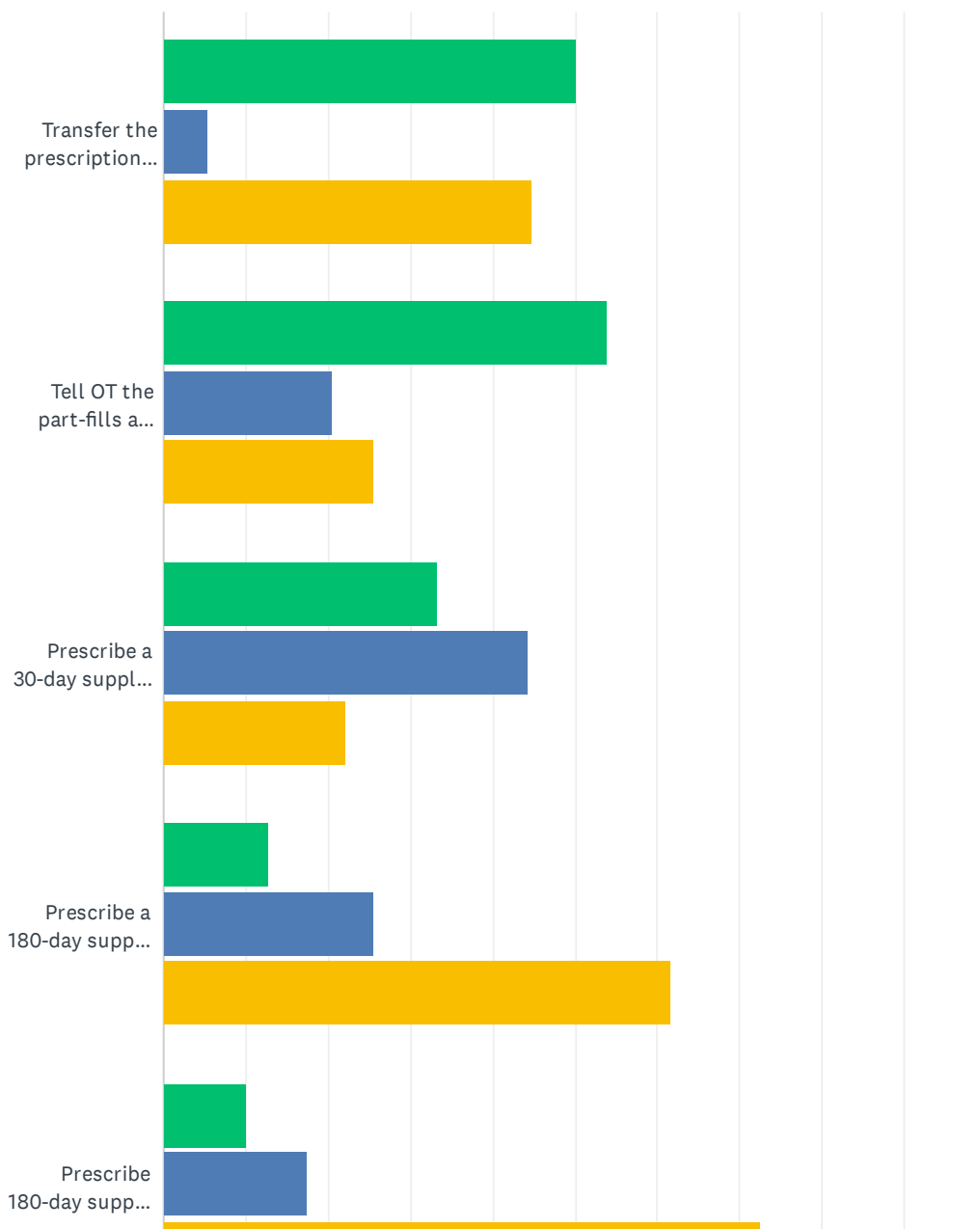
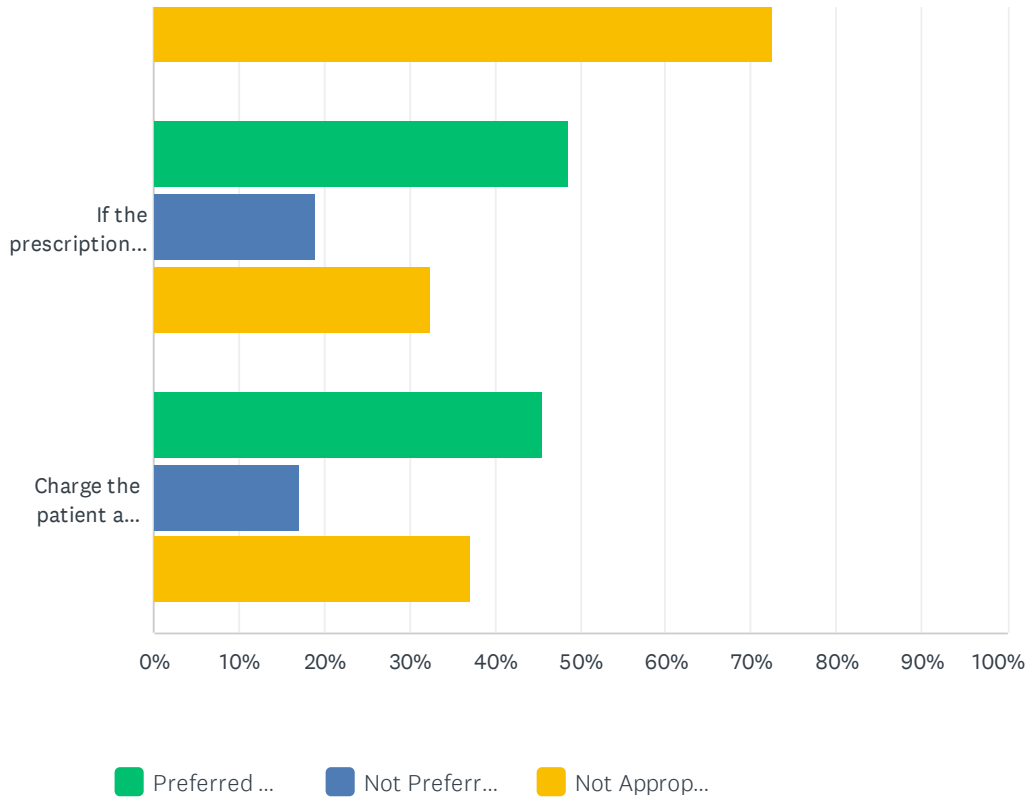


Q1 OT is a 19 yo male taking methylphenidate SR 54 mg which he has been taking for the past 3 years for ADHD. He has moved to Nova Scotia from Ontario to attend university. His last prescription is on file at a pharmacy in Ontario. The prescription is for 360 tablets, to be released 90 tablets at a time every 90 days and there are 180 tablets remaining. He heard that there were recent federal changes regarding interprovincial transfers of controlled drugs and would like to transfer the 180 tablets to your pharmacy. How should a pharmacist respond? **CHOOSE ANY THAT APPLY**

Answered: 43 Skipped: 1



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	PREFERRED OPTION	NOT PREFERRED BUT OK	NOT APPROPRIATE	TOTAL
Transfer the prescription and fill it for the next 90 days.	50.00% 19	5.26% 2	44.74% 17	38
Tell OT the part-fills are not valid in NS unless the prescriber is registered in NS.	53.85% 21	20.51% 8	25.64% 10	39
Prescribe a 30-day supply of his prescription.	33.33% 12	44.44% 16	22.22% 8	36
Prescribe a 180-day supply of his prescription to be assessed and released every 30 days.	12.82% 5	25.64% 10	61.54% 24	39
Prescribe 180-day supply of his medication to released every 90 days.	10.00% 4	17.50% 7	72.50% 29	40
If the prescription is not transferred, ensure the part-fills are inactivated.	48.65% 18	18.92% 7	32.43% 12	37
Charge the patient a renewal fee every assessment when applicable if he does not have a NS Health Card	45.71% 16	17.14% 6	37.14% 13	35



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Question 1

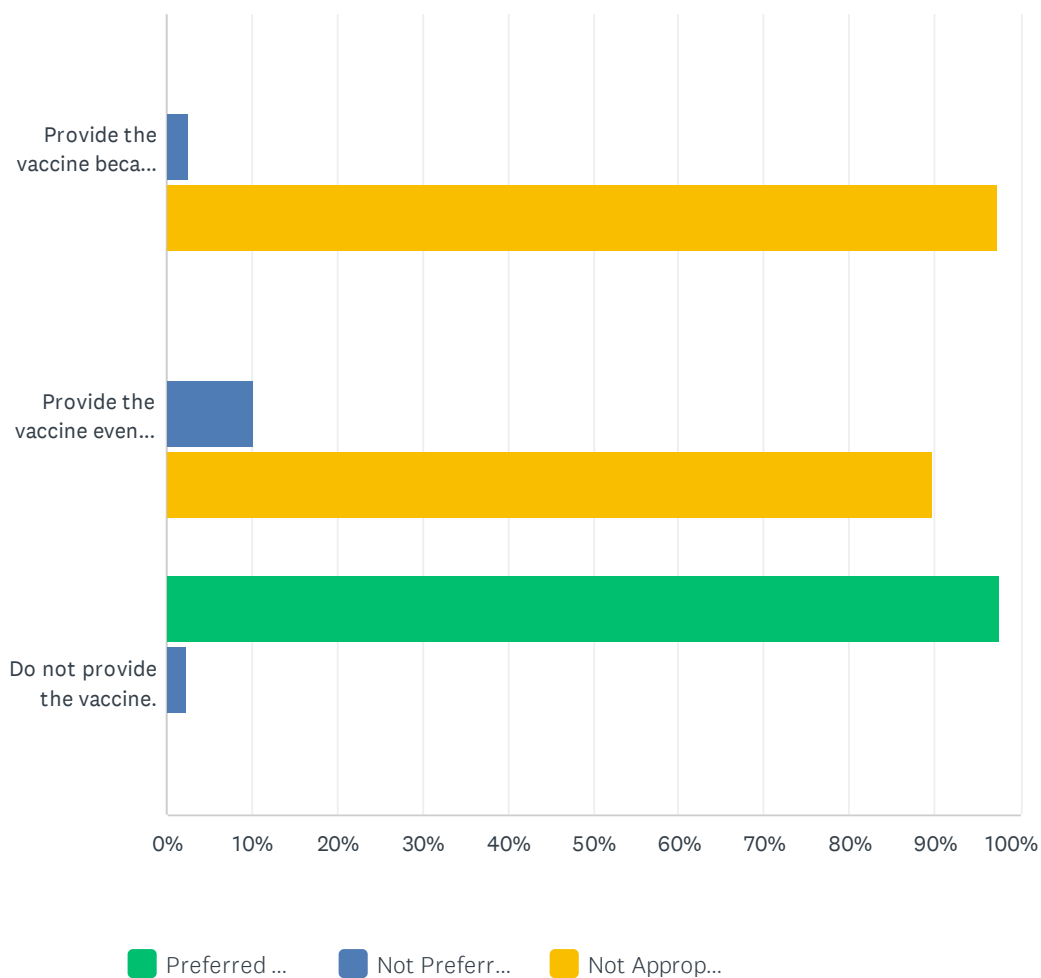
- We are all over the place on this. Notable trends
 - Fill the transfer for 90% with a refill – 50% Preferred, 45% Not appropriate
 - Tell the patient refills are not valid in NS unless prescriber is registered – 54% Preferred, 26% Not appropriate
 - Prescribe a 30-day Renewal – 33% Preferred, 22% Not appropriate
 - If we have to do monthly Renewals and the patient doesn't have a NS Health Card – charge a renewal fee – 46% Preferred, 37% Not appropriate.

Comments

- I would have the original prescriber register with PMP.
- We are not allowed to prescribe for more than 30 days at a time. If we did renewals they would have to be assessed and dispensed monthly.
- If the prescriber in ON was willing to register with PMP the process is relatively straightforward you can fill the prescription now and bill DIS later. PMP is helpful in reaching out to the doctor to set this up.

Q2 LK a 70 yo male, who is a regular patient at your pharmacy, shows up for a COVID-19 vaccine. He booked a dose 158 days after his second dose and booked as a patient that is immunocompromised. His medical background includes hypertension, diabetes and dyslipidemia. He does not take immunosuppressant therapy. He states he booked as immunocompromised because A) CanImmunize wouldn't let him book a booster appointment, B) He states he is 70 years old and has diabetes so he's at risk and C) He's flying to Florida in 6 days for 5 months and needs the protection. He says, "If you don't vaccinate me, it's your fault if I get sick from COVID." How should a pharmacist respond? In the comment line, indicate how you would respond to the last statement.

Answered: 43 Skipped: 1



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	PREFERRED OPTION	NOT PREFERRED BUT OK	NOT APPROPRIATE	TOTAL
Provide the vaccine because he qualifies.	0.00% 0	2.56% 1	97.44% 38	39
Provide the vaccine even though he doesn't qualify.	0.00% 0	10.26% 4	89.74% 35	39
Do not provide the vaccine.	97.67% 42	2.33% 1	0.00% 0	43



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Question 2

- Most pharmacists would not provide the vaccines:
 - 97% - Not appropriate – To provide the vaccine because he met the criteria
 - 90% - Not appropriate – Provide the vaccine even though he doesn't qualify, 10% - Not preferred but okay.
 - 98% - Preferred option - Do not provide the vaccine

Comments on responding to “If you don’t vaccinate me, it’s your fault if I get sick from COVID.”

- I would explain that public health has made these eligibility criteria and we must adhere to them, if he has concerns I would give him their number to discuss or ask for more information if he is not satisfied with the information I have provided.
- It is unfair for you to lay blame on another person for your choices, unfortunately travel does not meet criteria for booster
- I wish I could but you don't qualify at the moment.
- If he is that worried about covid, he should not be traveling.
- Clinically as information evolves the interval doesn't have to be fixed in stone and we may be able to exercise judgement. Compromising the standard makes it bad for everyone though and may not be fair.
- No, it's not my fault if he gets Covid. He's choosing to travel to Florida for 5 months. He could leave later (after he gets his booster). Maybe he can get a booster in Florida. The choice is his!
- Advise him to change his flight if he is concerned or inform he may receive his booster in the US
- I would advise the pt of the requirements for a third/booster dose and explain why he doesn't qualify, and therefore I cannot vaccinate him today. I would tell him that I'd be happy to go over the public health guidelines re: how to prevent the spread of covid and keep himself safe while traveling.
- I would tell him to wait to travel until after he had his booster.or take all the usual precautions like masks.etc if he doesn't want to wait..and that 2 doses still give him goodprotection.
- I cannot vaccinate you if you do not met the criteria. Rules are rules. Perhaps you will be able to obtain a booster dose in Florida.
- I'm sorry you're angry that you are not able to get the vaccine before travel. But it's not appropriate for me to do that at this time.
- I am sorry you feel that way, but the criteria are clear and unfortunately you do not qualify for a third or booster dose at this time.
- If he really wants the extra dose he can change his flight or arrange to get it in Florida. There are many people who have already changed travel plans and some at expense and it is important to be equitable in the policy.