



Pharmacy Service Summary

Nova Scotia, Canada



Assessment and Prescribing

Initiate Therapy

- Contraception Management – FE
- Herpes Zoster Treatment – FE
- Inhaled Steroid for COVID-19 – FE
- Invasive Bacterial Disease Chemoprophylaxis in Collaboration with Public Health – FE
- Lyme Disease Chemoprophylaxis – FE
- Minor Ailments Prescribing – FC
- Ear/Nose/Throat (Otitis Media/Externa, Sinusitis, Pharyngitis) – FAC
- Uncomplicated Cystitis – FE

Extend/Modify Existing Therapy

- Extend ANY existing prescription (Renewals) for up to one year – FE
- Modify ANY existing therapy (Adapt dose, duration, frequency (e.g. drug dosing in renal impairment, pediatric dose adjustments))* – FE
- Modify ANY existing therapy (Substitution (e.g. allergy, shortage, drug interaction))* – FE
- Deprescribing - FAC

* Modification also applies for chronic medications if the patient was not achieving treatment goals (e.g. adjust dose of HTN medication) or experiencing adverse reactions (switch therapy).

Drug Administration

- COVID-19 Vaccine – FE
- Influenza Vaccine – FE
- Higher risk Meningitis – FE
- Publicly Funded Vaccines (e.g. pneumococcal, Tdap) – FAC
- Remaining Non-Publicly Funded Vaccine – FS
- Anti-psychotics – FAC
- Other medication (e.g. contraception, B12) – FS



Nova Scotia has **REGULATED TECHNICIANS** that take legal responsibility for the technical aspects of **checking prescriptions, administering drugs/vaccines and conducting point-of-care testing.**

FE – Publicly Funded Everywhere, **AE** – Available Everywhere
FC – Publicly Funded in Designated Clinics, Fee for Service Elsewhere,
FAC – Funded/Available in Designated Clinics/Pharmacies Only,
FS – Fee for Service Everywhere, **AC** – Available in Designated Clinics

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COMMUNITY PHARMACIES
 Have pharmacists working full-time/part-time in
Non-Dispensing Pharmacist Clinics



Health Management

- Chronic Disease Management (includes Initiate/Modify Therapy, Order Labs) – FAC
- Initiate/Modify therapy for any disease with a collaborative prescribing agreement with another healthcare provider – FS (except adaption/substitution – FE)
- INR POCT and Warfarin Adaptation – FE
- Mental Health Support Program – FAC
- Tobacco Cessation – FC

Medication Reviews

- Advanced Medication Review – FE
- Basic Medication Review – FE
- Medication Review Follow-Up - FE

Testing

- POCT Lipid – FAC
- POCT A1C – FAC
- INR Testing – FE
- Strep Throat PCR Testing – FAC
- Access labs from provincial lab database – AE
- Order labs - AC

Other

- Diagnosing HTN/Diabetes - FAC
- Take Home Naloxone - FE
- Travel Health – FS

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