Pharmacists' Scope of Practice in Canada in 2023

Pending legislation, regulation or policy for implementation Implemented in implemented jurisdiction NS PEI NWT Injection Authority Drugs⁵ (SC or IM)1,4 Vaccines⁵ Influenza vaccine Labs Order and interpret lab tests Techs Regulated pharmacy technicians

- 1. Scope of activities, regulations, training requirements and/or limitations differ between jurisdictions. Please refer to the pharmacy regulatory authorities for details.
- 2. Initiate new prescription drug therapy, not including drugs covered under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.
- 3. Alter another prescriber's original/existing/current prescription for drug therapy.
- 4. Applies only to pharmacists with additional training, certification and/or authorisation through their regulatory authority.
- 5. Authority to inject may not include all drugs or vaccines. Please refer to the jurisdictional regulations.
- 6. Applies only to existing prescriptions, i.e., to provide continuity of care.
- 7. Pursuant to a Ministerial Order during a public health emergency.
- 8. Applies only to pharmacists working under collaborative practice agreements.
- 9. Pending health system regulations for pharmacist requisitions to labs.
- 10. Authority is limited to ordering lab tests.
- 11. Authority limited to ordering blood tests. No authority to interpret tests.
- 12. Pharmacy technician registration available through the regulatory authority (no official licensing).

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