

Overview of Saskatchewan Prescribing Authority Framework (New Status Quo)

Overview – Part K Prescribing Authority

Level I (All Pharmacists)

STRUCTURED (ALGORITHM / PROTOCOL):

- Minor Ailment
- Administrative Prescribing of a Schedule II, III or Unscheduled drug (SCPP / MOH directed)

PRACTITIONER-INITIATED:

Continuing Prescriptions¹

- Interim supply of chronic, stabilized drug (up to 3 months)
- Emergency situations - life threatening or interruption in drug therapy will result in imminent harm (max of 6 months when combined with interim supply)
- Drug reconciliation (admission or discharge from a hospital or other care setting)

Adapting Prescriptions

- Insufficient Information (medically necessary)
- Increasing suitability of drug (adjusting dosage form)²

Altering Prescriptions²

- Enhancing safety and drug effectiveness to address imminent harm, obvious error, antibiotic & opioid stewardship (altering dose or regimen)

PHARMACIST-INITIATED:

- Administrative Prescribing of a Schedule II, III or Unscheduled drug (initiate Rx for self-limiting conditions to obtain private or public coverage as permitted by the payer)

Level II (Some pharmacists with advanced skills and advanced partnerships)

STRUCTURED (ALGORITHM / PROTOCOL):

- Collaborative Practice Agreements (Public Institutions & Community)
- Other Diseases Identified by Minister of Health or Designate (SCPP / MOH directed e.g. Paxlovid)

PRACTITIONER-INITIATED:

- Advanced Prescribing A (Therapeutic Substitution sharing “mechanism of action” or “chemical structure”)

PHARMACIST-INITIATED³:

- Vaccine Preventable Diseases in Canada
- Travel Health A
- Travel Health B
- Advanced Prescribing B (chronic & other diseases Council-approved)

Exemption(s) for Extraordinary Circumstances (at the call of the Registrar)

- Tailored to address the needs of the specific extraordinary circumstance at the time it is enacted.
- According to the terms and conditions communicated by SCPP.

Notes:

- General requirements apply to all prescribing (Level I and II).
- Collaborative practice environments are foundational to all prescribing, however the requirements may differ between Level I and each Level II specialty (advanced partnerships).
- Use of current peer-reviewed evidence-based resources or clinical practice guidelines is mandatory when required by Part K (i.e. Level I section 8 enhancing safety and drug effectiveness; and all Level II, except for those prescribing under a public institution CPA).

¹ Permitted for controlled substances in accordance with [Health Canada's Section 56 exemption](#) and [SCPP Communication](#)

² Permitted for controlled substances in accordance with [Health Canada's Prescription Management](#)

³ Not permitted to **initiate** controlled substances under the *CDSA* and its *Regulations*