

PHARMACY Appreciation Week 2026



March is PHARMACY APPRECIATION WEEK

PAM celebrates the pharmacy profession in Canada

Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM) is the annual national campaign that celebrates the pharmacy profession in Canada. Held each March, PAM is a time to recognize the essential role pharmacy professionals play in patient care and to thank them for their ongoing commitment to supporting Canadians' health.

Pharmacy professionals across Canada work tirelessly to ensure that patients receive the best possible care and their contributions, especially over the past few years, have been remarkable.

Here are some patient tips for how best to benefit from your local pharmacy and pharmacists!

- In many parts of Canada, new healthcare services are available at community pharmacies. Ask your pharmacist about new services they might be offering to improve access to care in your community.
- Try to use the same pharmacy for all your prescriptions so your health file is always up to date.

- Your pharmacist is a medication expert, but they can also help with many other health-related topics. Just ask!

- Talk to your pharmacist about everything you take. Even over-the-counter medications, vitamins and natural health products matter.

- If you're thinking about quitting smoking, your pharmacist can help with support, products and medication if needed.

- Don't throw old or unused medications in the garbage or down the toilet! Your pharmacy will take it back and dispose of it safely.

- Questions about your medications? Pharmacists are the most equipped healthcare provider to help you understand and manage your medications.

- Pharmacists are your medication experts and so much more. Ask a pharmacist during Pharmacy Appreciation Month about all the ways they can help you improve your health.

At a glance:

Pharmacists' scope of practice and services



Pharmacist prescribing across Canada

Pharmacists in Canada have seen their prescribing powers expand significantly. Currently, all pharmacists across Canada have some level of prescribing authority but this varies by jurisdiction. This [chart](#) provides a detailed look at pharmacists' prescribing authority in each jurisdiction.



Vaccination and injection authority

From flu shots to routine immunizations and travel vaccines, pharmacies offer convenient access to vaccines and injections. This [chart](#) provides an overview of pharmacy professionals' authority to inject drugs and vaccines across Canada.



Controlled drugs and substances

During COVID-19, Health Canada issued temporary exemptions for prescriptions of controlled substances, which permit pharmacists to extend, transfer and accept verbal orders, and permit pharmacy employees to deliver prescriptions. This [chart](#) illustrates how these exemptions have been implemented across Canada.



Publicly funded pharmacy services by province

Provincial governments recognize the value of investing in pharmacy services and many provinces now cover these services as part of their provincial drug plans. This [chart](#) provides an overview of public payment for pharmacy services in each province.

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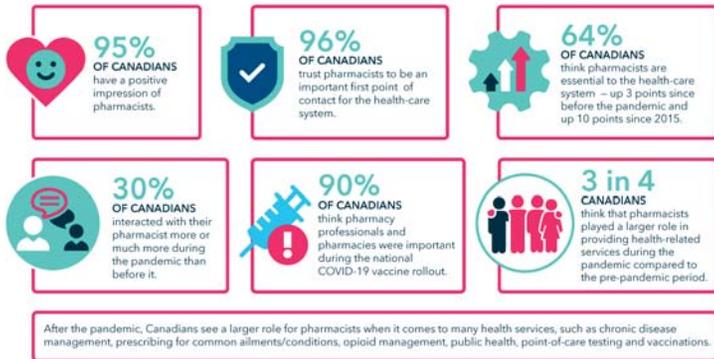
Pharmacists the most accessible health-care professional in Canada

Pharmacists are the most accessible health-care professionals in Canada, dispensing and providing advice on 750 million prescriptions per year. Convenient and close to home, pharmacists are taking on expanded roles and deliver an estimated \$4.7 billion of value per year by improving access to care and reducing pressure on the health-care system. As the world of pharmacy continues to evolve, pharmacists and pharmacy teams are doing more for their patients than ever before.

Canada has approximately 42,500 licensed pharmacists working in more than 10,000 pharmacies. Of those, about 70% work in community pharmacies, 15% work in hospitals, and 15% work in other settings such as the pharmaceutical industry, government, associations, colleges and universities.

Today's pharmacists are highly respected as the medication management experts of the health care team. They collaborate with patients, their families and other health care providers to benefit the health of Canadians. The pharmacist's traditional role is expanding, and pharmacists across Canada deliver a range of innovative services, including medication reviews, chronic disease management, immunization services and wellness programs.

Most provincial governments have approved pharmacist prescribing with varying scopes of authority, a service that complements the care provided by a doctor and can result in more convenient refills, less time spent dealing with prescription changes and collaborative medication management.



Source: Abacus Data, Pharmacy Professionals' Role During and Post COVID-19, Sept 2021

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