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PHARMACIST:
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RENEW A PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTION

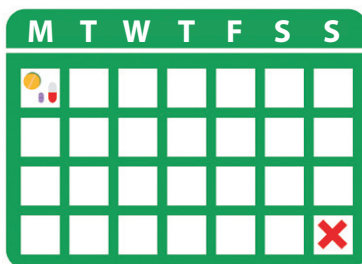
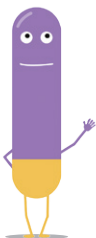
YOUR PHARMACIST IS NOW AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. THE ORDRE DES PHARMACIENS DU QUÉBEC HAS PRODUCED **7 INFORMATION SHEETS** DESCRIBING EACH OF THESE NEW SERVICES.



Your pharmacist is now authorized to **renew prescriptions issued by your physician**. Why? So there is no interruption in your treatment while you're waiting for your next appointment.

For what period of time can my prescription be extended?

Your pharmacist can renew your prescription for an additional period of time that is as long as your physician's initial prescription but never exceeding 12 months. For example, if a physician initially prescribed you a drug for 6 months, your pharmacist could, after this period, renew it for up to 6 additional months; if your initial prescription was for 14 months, the maximum extension period allowed would be 12 months. However, depending on the situation, your pharmacist could decide not to renew your prescription, or to renew it for less than the maximum allowable period, the goal being to supply enough drug to not deprive you of necessary medication before your medical follow-up.

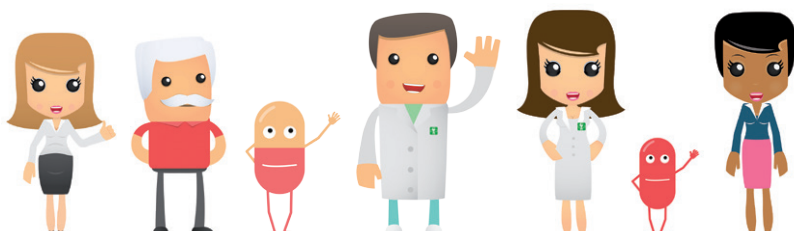


Renew prescriptions under any circumstances? No!

After thoroughly reviewing your file, and, depending on your state of health, your pharmacist will decide if he can renew your prescription, and if so, the advisable duration of the renewal. If your pharmacist thinks you should see your physician promptly, he may decide to renew it for only a few days or weeks, or even not to renew it all, and immediately direct you to the appropriate resource: your physician, a walk-in clinic, or the hospital emergency department.

Consult a physician? Essential!

Having a prescription extended does not eliminate the need to see your physician as soon as possible to get appropriate medical follow-up and a new prescription. The purpose of renewal is to ensure that your treatment, which has been judged necessary, is not interrupted before you can consult your physician, and, until that time, that the treatment is effective and safe.



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