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**YOUR
PHARMACIST:
NOW MORE
HELPFUL
THAN
EVER!**

PRESCRIBE DRUGS TO TREAT CERTAIN MINOR AILMENTS

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 can now **prescribe drugs to treat certain minor ailments** such as common or easily recognizable and treatable health problems.

Under what circumstances can my pharmacist prescribe a drug for me?

You can consult your pharmacist for a minor ailment that your physician had already diagnosed for you in the past and for which a drug was prescribed. Your pharmacist can then refer to the past prescription.

For what conditions can my pharmacist prescribe drugs?

Your pharmacist can prescribe drugs for the following 12 minor ailments:

Minor acne

Canker sores

Allergic conjunctivitis

Menstrual pain

Eczema (mild to moderate)

Diaper rash

Hemorrhoids

Herpes labialis (cold sores)

Recent urinary infection in women

Thrush resulting from the use of a corticosteroidal inhaler

Allergic rhinitis

Vaginal yeast infections

I have already been prescribed a drug to treat one of these ailments, but it was issued some time ago. Do I have to consult my physician again?

For most of the ailments, if the medical prescription dates back more than 4 years, your pharmacist will ask that you consult a physician again. For menstrual pain and hemorrhoids, the time limit is 2 years, and for urinary infections, it is 1 year.

Can my pharmacist refuse to prescribe a drug for me?

Yes. Every situation will be assessed by your pharmacist based on several factors, including your signs and symptoms. Your pharmacist will then determine whether or not he can prescribe medication for you. Also, if there is nothing in your file indicating that you have already been treated for one of these ailments, your pharmacist cannot prescribe any medication for you. In some cases, he will refer you to a physician.

What drug will my pharmacist prescribe for me?

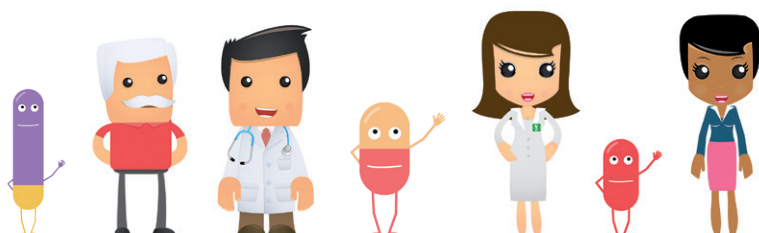
In most cases, your pharmacist will prescribe the same drug that was prescribed in the past and recorded in your file.

Will my physician be informed?

Yes. Your pharmacist will inform your physician about the ailment that was treated, the drug that was prescribed, and any other relevant information.

Can all pharmacists prescribe a drug for minor ailments?

Only pharmacists who have successfully completed the compulsory regulatory training given by the Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec may perform this service. Your pharmacist might not be able to provide the service right away.



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