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PHARMACIST:
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ADJUST 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 can now **adjust medical prescriptions** if he thinks it necessary.

What does it mean to adjust a prescription?

Adjusting a prescription means changing:

- the **form of a drug**, for example, from a solid oral form to a liquid oral form, for a patient who has trouble swallowing
- the **drug schedule**, for example, the time or frequency for taking the drug
- the **quantity**, for example, by reducing the quantity of pills given to make it easier to manage your drugs
- the **dose**, to reduce undesirable effects, or to meet a therapeutic target established by your physician (e.g., specific blood pressure or blood sugar levels)

For what reasons could my pharmacist adjust my prescription?

Your pharmacist will always consider your best interests when adjusting a prescription. For instance, he might adjust your physician's prescription to reduce a drug's side effects, to manage interactions between two drugs, or to ensure that the drug schedule is adapted to your living habits. Your pharmacist may also change the dose to ensure the drug's effectiveness. Before doing so, he must talk with your physician to discuss the clinical targets associated to your drug therapy.

When can a prescription be adjusted?

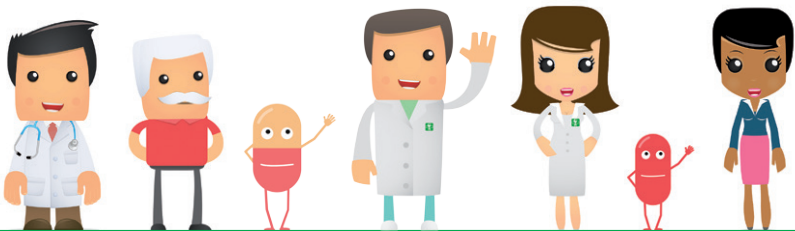
Depending on the circumstances, your pharmacist may make an adjustment before it is first dispensed or during the course or therapy.

Will I be informed of the change?

Of course! If your pharmacist thinks it wise to adjust your physician's prescription, he will tell you and state the reasons for it. Also, when the dose is changed, your pharmacist must inform your physician. For changes in the form, drug schedule, and quantity, your pharmacist will note the change in your file and inform your physician if he thinks it advisable; for instance, if your physician is likely to re-prescribe for which the form had been changed by your pharmacist.

Can all pharmacists adjust a medical prescription?

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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