

YOUR PHARMACIST: NOW MORE HELPFUL THAN EVER!



YOUR PHARMACIST
IS NOW AUTHORIZED
TO PROVIDE

7

NEW PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES.



ORDRE DES **PHARMACIENS** DU QUÉBEC

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WHAT MORE CAN YOUR PHARMACIST

DO FOR YOU?

PRESCRIBE A DRUG WHEN NO DIAGNOSIS IS REQUIRED

In some situations, your pharmacist can prescribe drugs for which you need no diagnosis, for instance, to prevent travel related ailments.

ADMINISTER A DRUG IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE ITS CORRECT USE*

If your physician prescribed a drug for you and you must take it in a certain way (inhalation, orally, topically, subcutaneously, intradermally, or intramuscularly), your pharmacist can administer the drug to teach you how to do it correctly once you're back in your home.

PRESCRIBE DRUGS TO TREAT CERTAIN MINOR AILMENTS*

Your pharmacist can prescribe a drug to treat health problems that are common or easily recognized and treatable, and for which you had previously been diagnosed and prescribed medication.

SUBSTITUTE A DRUG IN THE EVENT OF A SHORTAGE*

Should the drug you were prescribed become temporarily unavailable, your pharmacist can substitute it with a drug from the same family.

RENEW A PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTION

To avoid interruptions in your treatment while you're waiting for your next physician's appointment, your pharmacist can extend certain medical prescriptions for a limited period.

ADJUST A PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTION*

To ensure your treatment's safety and effectiveness, your pharmacist can adjust a medical prescription: change the form, dose, quantity, or drug directions of a prescribed medication.

ORDER LABORATORY TESTS

To ensure the effectiveness and safety of your drug therapy, your pharmacist can order certain laboratory tests.

* These activities can only be performed after completion of a training course.

SOME ACTIVITIES REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF A TRAINING COURSE

Your pharmacist must complete a training course before he can provide certain services. This means that your pharmacist may not be able to perform all of these activities.

For more information, go to www.opq.org.

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YOUR PHARMACIST'S PRIORITY: YOUR HEALTH!

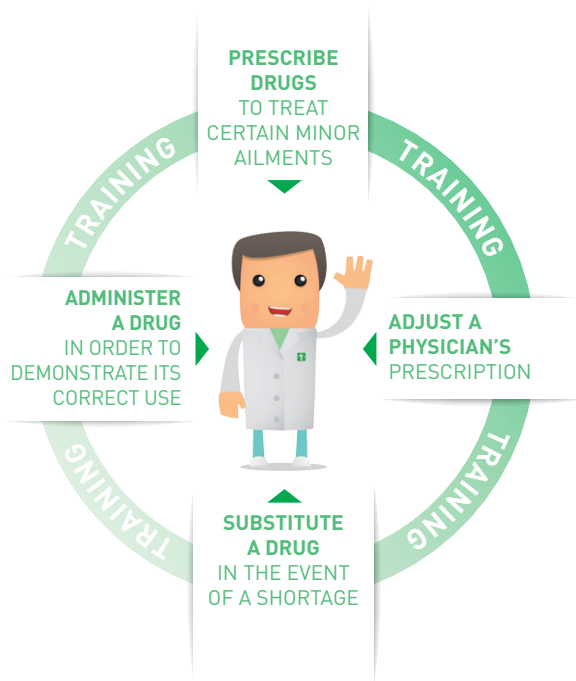
Your pharmacist's priority
will always be your health.

These new services will allow your pharmacist to more fully exercise his role, for your greater benefit.

In some instances, though, your pharmacist may decide it is better not to intervene. There could be a number of reasons for this, for instance, he may decide there lacks relevant information to justify proceeding, or your health condition requires prompt medical follow-up. In such situations, your pharmacist will refer you to the proper resource: another pharmacist, your physician, a walk-in clinic, or a hospital emergency department.

Strict controls and guidelines have been developed for each of these activities. These conditions were established in partnership with the Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec and the Collège des médecins du Québec.

In each case, your pharmacist will explain the situation to you and offer solutions. He has the expertise and knowledge necessary to properly advise you.



BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR PHARMACIST

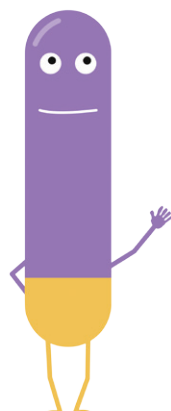
The better your pharmacist knows you, the more helpful he can be to you.

When your pharmacist provides one of these new services, he will keep a record of it in your file. In some cases, your pharmacist will also contact your attending physician to inform him about the intervention and explain why, for example, a change was made to your medication.

When you go to the same pharmacy, your information is centralized in one place. Your pharmacist is able to intervene more effectively if he knows your drug history and is familiar with your living habits, health condition and previous interventions.



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DON'T FORGET!

- These new services allow your pharmacist to better meet your needs and manage your drugs between medical appointments.
- Before performing any of these activities, your pharmacist first analyzes the situation. He then makes a decision based on his professional judgment and the established guidelines. If your pharmacist decides he is unable to meet your needs, you will be referred to another professional resource.
- You will be kept informed of any changes your pharmacist makes and have a chance to talk them over with him.
- Pharmacists' services will never lessen the importance of medical follow-up. Make sure to have regular check-ups with your physician.

PHARMACIST, NOT PHYSICIAN!

Pharmacists are drug experts and essential partners when it comes to your health, but they do not have the competency and expertise to diagnose. Only physicians can diagnose health problems. Medical follow-up is therefore still essential; make sure to get regular check-ups with your physician.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

You'll find information sheets on each of the new services on the website of the Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec.
Feel free to read them over!



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