



Professional Library Requirements

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Regulation Policy

The scope of practice for pharmacists is changing rapidly across the country and many of these changes have been captured in the 2009 NAPRA Model Standards of Practice for Canadian Pharmacists. The Model Standards of Practice are considered the minimum standards that all pharmacists must follow.

In order to maintain minimum standards of practice, pharmacist must have access to credible, objective, up-to-date professional resources. With this in mind, when reviewing library requirements, the PEIPB recognizes the individual resource requirements of pharmacies with more specialized practices and the expanding role of the pharmacist.

In addition to print copies, electronic sources of information are readily available and encouraged forms of reference and may include online-based references or PDA type professional software. References must however be recent versions. When a pharmacy chooses electronic sources to fulfill the library requirements, the pharmacy manager must ensure that all staff pharmacists, including those working on a casual basis, are supplied with the necessary pass codes to access the on-line or PDA resource. Pharmacists must ensure that they have the capability to use electronic resources.

Pharmacies will be required to maintain references within each category outlined in the policy. The listed references are considered suggestions instead of requirements. Resource libraries are expected to be current and up-to-date with the most recent editions. Pharmacies will have the liberty to choose references that are suited to the practice needs of the pharmacists at their sites even though they may not be identified in the policy. Pharmacies will also be required to have internet access within the dispensary whether on the main computer or on an alternate computer.

Each year, the pharmacist-in-charge will be required to confirm that the library requirements have been met on the application for permits. Professional library requirements may be audited during routine inspections.



All community pharmacies must have at least one reference from each category; this **may** include one from the suggested references.

Category	Suggested References	Source
1. Canadian Compendium	Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (CPS) Hard copy or CPS online (formerly e-CPS) or as a component of RxTx3 (formerly e-Therapeutics+ and e-Therapeutics + Complete)	www.pharmacists.ca
2. General Drug Information Reference	<p>Drug Information for the Health Care Professional (USPDI Vol 1) (Hard copy)</p> <p>American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS Drug Information) (Hard copy, online, or through various mobile apps such as Lexicomp and Skyscape)</p> <p>Drug Facts and Comparisons (Hard copy, online, or through various mobile apps)</p> <p>Micromedex (Online or mobile app)</p> <p>Lexi-Comp (On-line subscription or apps as component of Lexi-Complete® or iPharmacist®)</p>	<p>www.ahfsdruginformation.com</p> <p>http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/ http://www.skyscape.com/</p> <p>www.micromedex.com</p> <p>Lexi-Complete® www.lexi.com Ipharmacist® www.ipharmacist.com</p>
3. Evidence Based Medicine	<p>RxFiles Charts (Hard copy or online)</p> <p>ACP Pier (Online or mobile app subscription)</p>	<p>www.rxfiles.ca</p> <p>http://pier.acponline.org/index.html</p>



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	Clinical Evidence (Hard copy (handbook), online or mobile apps)	www.clinicalevidence.com
	UpToDate (Online or mobile app)	www.uptodate.com
	TRIP Database (Online, free)	www.tripdatabase.com
4. Therapeutics Reference	<p>Compendium of Therapeutic Choices for Minor Ailments (CTC) Canadian Pharmacists Association</p> <p>Hard copy or CTC online (formerly e-Therapeutics) or within of RxTx2 or RxTx3 (formerly e-Therapeutics+ and e-Therapeutics + Complete)</p> <p>Applied Therapeutics: The Clinical Use of Drugs (Koda-Kimble) (Hard copy or e-book)</p> <p>Textbook of Therapeutics: Drugs & Disease Management Clinical (Herfindal & Gourley) (Hard copy)</p> <p>Pharmacotherapy: A Pathophysiologic Approach (DiPiro et al) (Hard Copy)</p>	<p>CPhA www.pharmacists.ca</p> <p>Lipincott, Williams, and Wilkins www.lww.com</p> <p>Lipincott, Williams, and Wilkins www.lww.com</p> <p>Appleton & Lange www.amazon.com</p>



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	5-MinuteConsult (Online subscription, or mobile app component of Lexi-Complete®, iPharmacist®)	http://5minuteconsult.com/ Lexi-Complete www.lexi.com iPharmacist www.ipharmacist.com
5. Non-Prescription Drug Reference	Compendium of Therapeutic Choices for Minor Ailments (CTMA)- Hard copy (Formerly Therapeutic Choices for Minor Ailments). Also available online: RxTx1 or RxTx3 (formerly e-Therapeutics for Minor Ailments and e-Therapeutics+ Complete)	http://www.pharmacists.ca/index.cfm/function/store/
6. General Drug Interaction Reference	Compendium of Products for Minor Ailments (CTMA) (formerly Products for Minor Ailments) RxTx1 (formerly e-Therapeutics for Minor Ailments*) or RxTx3 (formerly e-Therapeutics+ complete)(online) Lexi-Interact (On-line or mobile apps as a component of Lexi-Complete®, iPharmacist®, e-Therapeutics+ or e-Therapeutics+ Complete) DRUG-REAX System (Online- Micromedex) Evaluations of Drug Interactions (Hard copy)	http://www.e-therapeutics.ca/ Lexicomp www.lexi.com/lexistore lpharmacist www.ipharmacist.com www.micromedex.com http://www.fdbhealth.com/solutions/evaluations-of-drug-interactions/



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	<p>Pediatrics and Neonatal Dosing Handbook (Taketomo) (Hard copy)</p> <p>Pediatric & Neonatal Lexi-drugs (Lexi-Complete® app/desktop or iPharmacist® app)</p>	<p>www.lexi.com</p> <p>Lexi-Complete® www.lexi.com iPharmacist® www.ipharmacist.com</p>
7. Pediatrics Reference	<p>IWK Formulary of Drugs and Dosing Manual (Hard copy, pending online version)</p> <p>SickKids Drug Handbook and Formulary (Online)</p>	<p>http://www.sickkids.ca/Pharmacy/SickKids-Drug-Handbook-and-Formulary/index.html</p>
	<p>Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database (Online)</p> <p>Natural Therapeutics Pocket Guide (Krinsky/LaValle)</p>	<p>www.naturaldatabase.com</p> <p>www.lexi.com</p>
8. Complimentary/ Alternative/ Natural Health	<p>The Review of Natural Products (Hard copy, CD-ROM, online, mobile app)</p> <p>Guide to Popular Natural Products (GNP3) (Mobile app- Skyscape)</p> <p>AltMedDex (Micromedex- Online or mobile app)</p> <p>Lexi- Natural Products (Lexi-Complete® mobile/ desktop or iPharmacist® app)</p>	<p>http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/review-of-natural-products-loose-leaf.aspx</p> <p>Fatcs and Comparisons http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/gnp3-powered-by-skyscape.aspx</p> <p>www.micromedex.com</p> <p>Lexi-Complete® www.lexi.com/lexistore/index.jsp iPharmacist® www.ipharmacist.com</p>



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	Drugs in Pregnancy and Lactation (Briggs) (Hard copy)	Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins www.lww.com
	Lexi- Pregnancy and Lactation (Component of Lexi-Complete® / iPharmacist®)	LexiComplete www.lexi.com
9. Pregnancy and Lactation Reference	Micromedex –REPRORISK	www.micromedex.com
	Medications and Mother’s Milk (Thomas Hale) (Hardcopy)	www.ibreastfeeding.com
	Drugs During Pregnancy and Lactation; Treatment Options and Risk Assessment (Schaefer) (Hard copy)	http://www.elsevier.com/books/drugs-during-pregnancy-and-lactation/schaefer/978-0-444-52072-2#description
	Dorland’s Pocket Medical Dictionary (Hard copy, CD-ROM, or mobile app)	www.dorlands.com
	Dorland’s Illustrated Medical Dictionary (Hard copy, CD-ROM, or mobile app)	www.dorlands.com
10. Medical Dictionary	Stedman’s Concise Medical Dictionary (Hard copy, CDROM or mobile app)	www.stedmans.com
	Stedman’s Illustrated Medical Dictionary (Hard copy, CDROM & mobile app, Component of Lexi-Complete®, STAT!Ref® or iPharmacist® mobile apps)	www.stedmans.com Lexi-Complete® www.lexi.com iPharmacist® www.ipharmacist.com



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	Pocketbook of Extemporaneous Formulations (Online, free)	IWK Health Center Pharmacy Department www.iwk.nshealth.ca/index.cfm?objectid=50B4331C-F2AC-C7A1-742A52A709EC85EC
	Toronto Sick Kids Compounding Service (Online, free)	www.sickkids.ca/Pharmacy/Compounding-Service
11. Compounding References Note: Pharmacies providing expanded compounding services must ensure they have sufficient resources to support their compounding practices. The following is a list of useful compounding resources.	Paddock Laboratories (Online, free)	www.paddocklabs.com
	Membership to Professional Compounding Centers of America	www.pccarx.com
	Sterile Product Preparation Manual and Video (CSHP/CPhA) (Hard copy and DVD)	www.CSHP.ca
	Kings Guide to Parenteral Admixtures (Hard copy or on-line subscription integrated within Lexi-Complete®/ iPharmacist® and others)	www.kingguide.com Lexi-Complete® www.lexi.com iPharmacist® www.ipharmacist.com
	Handbook on Injectable Drugs (Trissels) (Hard copy, CDROM or mobile apps integrated within Micromedex®)	ASHP Bookstore www.ahfsdruginformation.com/products_services/hid.aspx



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PEI Pharmacy Act - Authorization and Standards Regulations - Drug Schedule Regulations - Pharmaceutical Information Act and Regulations - Continued Care Regulations - Code of Ethics - Standards of Practice and Guidelines - Policies and Position Statements - The Island Capsule Newsletters and Professional Memos <p>Health PEI: PEI Pharmacare Formulary</p>	<p>PEI Pharmacy Board Website http://www.pepharmacists.ca/</p> <p>www.napra.org – Click on “PE” on the top of the screen</p> <p>http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/hpei_formulary.pdf</p>
<p>12. Administration and Legislation</p> <p>Note: Pharmacies are required to have online access to all current provincial and federal legislation and updates.</p>	<p>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and Regulations</p> <p>Food and Drug Act and Regulations</p>	<p>http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-38.8/</p> <p>http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/f-27/</p>



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