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Flu Shot Season-Coming to a Pharmacy Near You

As the fall approaches, we are reminded that the flu shot season will soon be upon us. This is a great opportunity to review the regulations pertaining to injections.

Pharmacists, who hold an Extended Practice Certification in Drug Administration can both prescribe and inject any vaccine that is listed in *Schedule B* to the [Practice of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technician Regulations](#). Pharmacists are not authorized to inject any other vaccine that is not listed in Schedule B.

MISSION

Regulating the practice of pharmacy in the province so as to promote a high standard and safeguard the welfare of the public with regard to pharmaceutical service.

The Regulations also place age restrictions on who the pharmacist may prescribe and administer a vaccine.

Pharmacist may only administer to the following:

- a) A vaccine, including influenza, to a patient over the age of 18 years;
- b) Influenza vaccine by injection to a patient between the ages of 5 and 18 years;
- c) Influenza vaccine by intranasal means to a patient 2 years of age or older;
- d) A drug other than a vaccine to a patient 5 years of age or older.

Questions about Drug Administration? Contact the PEI College of Pharmacists office 902-628-3561 or info@pepharmacists.ca

Vaccines of Schedule B

In accordance with sections 17 and 18 of the regulations, pharmacists are authorized to administer vaccines for the following diseases:

- (a) diphtheria and tetanus;
- (b) diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis;
- (c) hepatitis A and hepatitis B;
- (d) herpes zoster;
- (e) pneumococcal disease;
- (f) human papillomavirus;
- (g) influenza

Where the vaccines are listed together, a pharmacist may only provide these vaccines together. For example, a pharmacist may prescribe and administer TwinRix (Hep A and Hep B) but not Havrix (Hep A alone)

