



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

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PO. 02: Professional Library Requirements Policy

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Resources: [Pharmacy Act General Regulations](#)

PEI College of Pharmacy policies, together with legislation, practice directives, standards and guidelines outline the practice expectations of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in the province.

Policies use “must” to indicate an action that is mandatory for a pharmacy professional. Policies use “may” to indicate that the registrant may use professional discretion.

Purpose

To maintain minimum standards of practice, pharmacy professionals must have access to credible, objective, up-to-date professional resources. This policy expands on the reference library requirement found in Section 4(c) of the *Pharmacy Act General Regulations*.

Application

This policy is applicable to permit holders, managing pharmacists, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians.

Introduction

Pharmacies must maintain references within each category outlined in the policy. Resource libraries must be kept current. Electronic references are encouraged. Pharmacy professionals may choose specific references in each category that are best suited to the practice needs of their site. Professional library requirements may be audited during routine site and practice assessments.

Policy

Each pharmacy must have the following references in a current (latest edition) print format, if applicable, or in a readily accessible electronic format which is available to all staff (including casual and relief staff):

1. A compendium of pharmaceutical specialties.
2. A medical dictionary.
3. Legislation including (as amended):
 - a. The *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (SC 1996, c 19) and its regulations,
 - b. The *Food and Drug Act* (RSC 1985, c F-27) and its regulations,
 - c. The *Drug Cost Assistance Act* (RSPEI 1988, c D-14.1) and its regulations,
 - d. The *Narcotic Safety and Awareness Act* (RSPEI 1988, c N-01) and its regulations,
 - e. The *Pharmacy Act* (RSPEI 1988, c P-6.1) and its regulations,
 - f. The *Health Information Act* (RSPEI 1988, c H-1.41) and its regulations,
 - g. The *Regulated Health Professions Act* (RSPEI 1988, c R-10.1) and its regulations.
4. PEICP website and PEICP newsletters.
5. Reference materials respecting each of the following categories:
 - a. Compounding,
 - b. Drug interactions,
 - c. Evidence-based medicine,
 - d. General drug information,
 - e. Natural health products,
 - f. Non-prescription drugs,
 - g. Pediatrics,
 - h. Pregnancy and lactation,
 - i. Therapeutics.