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LEGAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND AUTHORIZED ACTS FOR PHARMACY

Students enrolled in an educational program to become a pharmacist or pharmacy technician can perform these acts for their respective roles in accordance with the Supervision of Pharmacy Personnel Policy.

*This is only a **summary**. Refer to legislation for detailed information. Go to www.ocpinfo.com for additional resources, policies, and guidelines.*

Act	Part A Pharmacist	Intern (pharmacist)	Part A Pharmacy Technician	Intern Technician
Provide information and educate patients[1]	✓	✓	✓[2] Not if clinical or therapeutic	✓[2] Not if clinical or therapeutic
Dispense, sell and compound drugs[3] • For drugs on the Prescription Drug List[4] • For controlled substances[5]	✓	✓[6]	✓[7] Technical components only	✓[7] Technical components only
Receive a verbal prescription or order • For drugs on the Prescription Drug List[4] • For controlled substances[5]	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transfer, or receive a transfer for, a prescription • For drugs on the Prescription Drug List[8] • For controlled substances[9]	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delegate a controlled act	✓	✗[10]	✗[11]	✗[11]
Accept delegation of a controlled act	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supervise a pharmacy or the part of the pharmacy where drugs are kept	✓	✗[12]	✗[13]	✗[13]

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[1] *Pharmacy Act* s 3
[2] *O. Reg. 256/24* s 15, para. 5 and s 18(1), para. 4
[3] *Pharmacy Act* s 4; *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act* s 149; *O. Reg. 264/16* s 4
[4] *Food & Drug Regulations*, C.01.041
[5] *Controlled Substances Regulations*, s 98, s 117
[6] Under supervision; *O. Reg. 256/24* s13(1), paras. 1-2
[7] Under supervision; *O. Reg. 256/24* s15, paras. 1-2 and s18(1), para. 1. Therapeutic verification by a pharmacist must occur before any prescription, new or refill, is released to the patient.
[8] *O. Reg. 264/16* s 5; Food & Drug Regulations C.01.041.1 - C.01.041.3
[9] *Controlled Substances Regulations*, s 102, s 119
[10] *O. Reg. 256/24* s 13(1), para. 4
[11] *O. Reg. 256/24* s 15, para. 4 and s 18(1), para. 3
[12] *O. Reg. 256/24* s 13(1), para. 3
[13] *O. Reg. 256/24* s15, para. 3 and s18(1), para. 2

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Administer a vaccine listed in Schedule 3 by injection[14], with approved injection training and valid First Aid and CPR certification	✓	✓	✓[15] Must hold valid First Aid/CPR certification by March 30, 2027	✓[15] Must hold valid First Aid/CPR certification by March 30, 2027
Administer a substance in Schedule 1 by injection[14], with approved injection training, valid First Aid and CPR certification, and in accordance with any specified limitations	✓	✓	✗	✗
Administer a substance in Schedule 2 by inhalation[14]	✓	✓	✗	✗
Prescribe: • Varenicline or bupropion for smoking cessation • A drug in Column 3 of Schedule 4 for treating the corresponding minor ailment in Column 1	✓[16]	✓[17]	✗	✗
Prescribe: • Oseltamivir for treating influenza • Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir for treating COVID-19	✓[16]	✗[17]	✗	✗
Prescribe[18] for the purpose of adapting or renewing a prescription: • A drug on the Prescription Drug List • A controlled substance[19]	✓	✓	✗	✗
Perform a procedure on tissue below the dermis by piercing with a lancet-type device[20] to: • Educate patients, demonstrate proper use • Obtain blood and perform a point-of-care test listed in *O. Reg. 45/22* s 28	✓	✓	✓ A Part A pharmacist must interpret the results of a point-of-care test	✓ A Part A pharmacist must interpret the results of a point-of-care test

[14] *O. Reg. 256/24*, s 50
[15] A pharmacist must obtain informed consent from the patient prior to administration.
[16] *O. Reg. 256/24*, s 51(1), (2), (4)
[17] *O. Reg. 256/24*, s 51(3), (4)
[18] *O. Reg. 256/24*, s 52
[19] *Controlled Substances Regulations*, s 101
[20] *O. Reg. 256/24*, s 55

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