

Pharmacist Practice Assessment Criteria – Patient Assessment

This document is focused on the Patient Assessment Domain. To review all of the domains, see the full [Pharmacist Practice Assessment Criteria](#).

Domain: Patient Assessment	
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR(S)	GUIDANCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gathers relevant information through dialogue with the patient and/or their advocate ➤ Gathers relevant information through review of the patient profile ➤ Uses relevant information to identify drug therapy problems and/or issues that have the potential to affect the optimization of health outcomes (patient issues; patient specific needs) 	<p><u>New Prescriptions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I gather relevant information through dialogue with the patient and/or review/create the patient profile to assess appropriateness of therapy. I determine/ask about allergies, medical conditions, lifestyle factors (e.g. smoking, diet, alcohol, exercise, etc.) and other relevant patient characteristics to assess any contraindications/precautions. <input type="checkbox"/> I determine/ask about other prescription medications, OTC medications or natural health products to assess any drug interactions. <input type="checkbox"/> I determine/ask about changes to patient's health status. <input type="checkbox"/> I determine/ask about or confirm indication(s) for medications. <input type="checkbox"/> I ensure appropriateness of the prescription for the patient including the correct indication, dose, dosage form, duration, no contraindications, no drug interactions etc. <input type="checkbox"/> I use relevant information to identify drug therapy problems and/or issues that have the potential to affect the optimization of health outcomes while considering patient specific needs/issues.

Domain: Patient Assessment (continued)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gathers relevant information through dialogue with the patient and/or their advocate ➤ Gathers relevant information through review of the patient profile ➤ Uses relevant information to identify drug therapy problems and/or issues that have the potential to affect the optimization of health outcomes (patient issues; patient specific needs) 	<p><u>Refill Prescriptions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> As part of the therapeutic check, I review the patient profile to ensure ongoing appropriateness including identification of adherence/overuse issues with the medication being filled. <input type="checkbox"/> As part of the therapeutic check, I review the patient profile to ensure ongoing appropriateness including drug interactions between the medication being filled and other medications (Rx/OTC) on file. <input type="checkbox"/> As part of the therapeutic check, in addition to adherence/overuse issues and drug interactions, I review the patient profile to ensure ongoing appropriateness including identification of other issues related to the medication being filled (e.g. duplication, contraindications, newer therapy on file, missing adjunct medication, no longer indicated, etc.). <input type="checkbox"/> As part of the therapeutic check, I determine/consider the indication for the refill and ongoing need. <input type="checkbox"/> As part of the therapeutic check, I dialogue with the patient to gather further information regarding issues identified/flagged through patient profile review. <input type="checkbox"/> I use relevant information to identify drug therapy problems and/or issues that have the potential to affect the optimization of health outcomes while considering patient specific needs/issues. <p><i>Note: For refill prescriptions, best practice would be to have a process to communicate with every refill patient to determine if there are any changes or issues (e.g. effectiveness, adverse effects, new medical conditions/allergies, new medications, medications from other sources, etc.</i></p>

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	<p><u>Adaptations, Renewals, Prescribing</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I identify and prioritize issues.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I identify options to optimize patient health outcomes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I explain adaptation/renewal/prescribing to patients and obtain consent when required.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I gather information from the patient and/or the patient profile to assess the patient.</p>
	<p><u>Comprehensive Medication Reviews</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I gather relevant information from patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional prescription, OTC, herbals, etc. • Changes to health status and allergies <p><input type="checkbox"/> I gather information from the patient and/or the patient profile to assess the patient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I determine indication based on the medication profile and confirm with the patient • Any contraindications (e.g. allergies, medical conditions) • Any drug interactions <p><input type="checkbox"/> I identify and prioritize drug therapy problems or issues.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I identify options.</p>