

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners

From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists

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Re: Amendments to Prescribing Standards: CDSA, Conjunctivitis & Contraception Management

Important amendments have been made to the [*Standards of Practice: Prescribing Drugs*](#) that pharmacists must review, including amendments to:

- **Appendix D** - enabling prescribing of topical anti-allergy and anti-infective agents for **allergic** and **bacterial conjunctivitis** in the list of minor ailments. Note: care is needed to differentiate bacterial from viral conjunctivitis because many are viral, including from COVID-19, and do not require treatment.
- **Appendix H** - for CDSA prescriptions written for indications other than acute pain or opioid use disorder, pharmacists may prescribe for greater than a 30 days supply, so long as they have used their professional judgement to determine that it is appropriate to do so.
- **Appendix E** - adding implantable contraception to the devices that a pharmacist may prescribe when they are collaborating with a physician or nurse practitioner who will take on the responsibility for any required procedures.