

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: August 17, 2022
Re: Children's Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen Shortage

A recent CBC news article on the shortage of children's acetaminophen and ibuprofen products implies that a prescription may be needed to obtain these medications. This is incorrect and the public may be confused and look to their pharmacy for answers.

In responding to the public, pharmacy team members can provide the following reassurance:

- Pharmacists are well-positioned and have full authority to support patients in navigating access to these medications in whatever formulation and packaging that may be available.
- Health Canada has been monitoring the availability of acetaminophen and ibuprofen liquids and has indicated that they anticipate only intermittent supply disruptions for these particular products.

The IWK is aware of this issue and has posted a [statement](#) on their website that pharmacy practitioners may find helpful when discussing options with patients and their families.