

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: The Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: December 11, 2020
Re: Practice Settings Approved by Council: NSH and IWK

Please be advised that both Nova Scotia Health (NSH) and the IWK Health Centre have been approved as Practice Settings Approved by Council under the *Pharmacist Drug Prescribing Regulations* s. 3(3)(f).

- Pharmacists practising within these organizations may be prescribing beyond what is authorized generally for all pharmacists and will be doing so in accordance with the organization's established collaborative arrangements and protocols.
- While pharmacists remain responsible for determining appropriateness of therapy for all prescriptions they dispense, they can rely on the professional ethic of a pharmacist to prescribe within the limits of the established arrangement(s). As such, prescriptions written by pharmacists practising within either of these organizations can be considered as valid prescriptions by community pharmacy practitioners.
- Prescribing of drugs listed in the schedules of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* by pharmacists within these organizations remains limited to what is authorized by the current Section 56 exemption from the Office of Controlled Substances (unless otherwise authorized by Health Canada).