

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: September 27, 2019
Re: New Prescribing Authority

The [Phase II revisions](#) to the *Standards of Practice: Prescribing Drugs* have been approved by Council and will be **effective December 1, 2019**.

These revisions to the Standards include the authority for pharmacists to prescribe for three additional conditions:

- **Contraception Management** (Appendix E – Prescribing Preventative Medicines)
- **Uncomplicated Cystitis** (Appendix G – Prescribing for a Diagnosis Supported by a Protocol)
- **Herpes Zoster** (Appendix G – Prescribing for a Diagnosis Supported by a Protocol)

Thank you to all who contributed to these revisions by participating in multistakeholder working groups and the feedback survey.

The NSCP will be hosting zone meetings throughout November. Pharmacists are encouraged to attend and discuss these new prescribing activities with their colleagues. The NSCP will also be hosting a webinar in early December. You will be receiving an invitation shortly.

These revisions enable pharmacists to more broadly meet the health needs of their patients. The NSCP will be advising the public of these changes in early 2020.

If after reading the [revised Standards](#) you still have questions, please feel free to contact Anne Marentette, Pharmacy Practice Manager.