

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
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Re: Position Statement: Access and Use of Lab Values through SHARE

The NSCP has established a *Position Statement: Routine Access and Consideration of Patient Lab Values through SHARE* that sets out the expectation for all pharmacists to have access to SHARE and to routinely access patient lab values when making a determination of appropriateness of therapy.

Reviewing patient lab values available through SHARE is expected practice in meeting both the *Standards of Practice: General Pharmacy Practice* and *Standards of Practice: Prescribing Drugs*. For example:

- Ensuring that a patient's medications are appropriate requires gathering information about the patient from a variety of sources.
- Accessing lab values through the provincial SHARE system supports pharmacists in carrying out this unique and critical responsibility in patient care.

Pharmacists who do not currently have access to SHARE should apply without delay. Information regarding how to apply for SHARE access is available on the *Department of Health and Wellness website*, including a recently developed *Community Pharmacy SHARE Access Guide*.