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Post Graduate Medical Resident (NOT specifically authorized by CPSM to prescribe)	Educational Directory	Educational Setting of the Residency Program	Prescription must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Name & signature of ResidentYear of trainingContact phone/paging number of Resident.Name of supervising Physician (actual co-signature not required)Treatment goal &/or diagnosis &/or clinical indicationCannot exceed a 3-month supply A verbal or faxed prescription is acceptable.	Cannot prescribe M3P drugs. A Resident can independently prescribe (co-signature of supervising Physician not required) a drug or vaccine for a patient treated by the Resident in an educational setting, including non-M3P controlled substances if all Prescribing Conditions (in the adjacent column) are met. This includes the prescribing of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Controlled drugs (excluding all M3P drugs);Targeted substances (i.e., benzodiazepines);Codeine-containing products not exceeding 60 mg per dose (i.e., Tylenol #3 - up to 2 tabs per dose).	Post Graduate Year (PGY#)	Supervising Physician License Number
Post Graduate Medical Resident (Authorized by CPSM to Prescribe)	Educational Directory (with training and approval from CPSM, Resident prescribing privileges are indicated with an asterisk)					
Prescribing authority for physicians is determined by licensure not participation in a residency program. Physicians who have completed a primary residency and who maintain full or provisional registration with CPSM while in an additional residency program (e.g., formally called “fellows” in some programs) have the same prescribing authority as other fully licensed physicians. They can elect to pursue prescribing approvals for methadone and/or buprenorphine/naloxone. Such physicians who opt instead to maintain an educational licence with CPSM during their residency would have to follow the same prescribing rules as residents. They also cannot be granted prescribing approvals for methadone and/or buprenorphine/naloxone. A prescriber’s licensure can be verified on CPSM’s website here .						

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Physician Assistants	Regulated Associate Member: Physician Assistant Directory	Supervising Physician's Practice	Prescription must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, designation, and signature of Physician Assistant Contact phone/paging number of Physician Assistant Name of supervising Physician Treatment goal &/or diagnosis &/or clinical indication A verbal or faxed order for a new prescription and refills is acceptable.	<p>Cannot prescribe M3P drugs.</p> <p>With a co-signature of supervising Physician, can prescribe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narcotics not on M3P list (e.g., Tylenol #3). <p>Without a co-signature, can prescribe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled drugs (excluding all M3P drugs) and targeted substances (e.g., benzodiazepines). 	P.A.	Supervising Physician License Number
Clinical Assistants	Regulated Associate Member: Clinical Assistant Directory	Supervising Physician's Practice	Prescription must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, designation, and signature of Clinical Assistant Contact phone/paging number of Clinical Assistant Name of supervising Physician Treatment goal &/or diagnosis &/or clinical indication A verbal or faxed order for a new prescription and refills is acceptable.	<p>Cannot prescribe M3P drugs.</p> <p>With a co-signature of supervising Physician, can prescribe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narcotics not on M3P list (e.g., Tylenol #3). <p>Without a co-signature, can prescribe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled drugs (excluding all M3P drugs) and targeted substances (e.g. benzodiazepines). 	Cl. A.	Supervising Physician License Number



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Registered Nurses (Nurse Practitioner)	CRNM Nurse Check	Specific Area of Practice	Prescription must include one of the following: treatment goal and/or diagnosis and/or clinical indication.	Yes, if there is no condition on Nurse Check stating: "This registrant is not authorized to prescribe controlled substances."	RN(NP)	Nurse Practitioner Prescriber Number
Registered Nurse (Authorized Prescriber)	CRNM Nurse Check	Travel health, reproductive health, sexually transmitted infections, blood borne pathogens, or diabetes health	A RN(AP) can only prescribe a drug listed in the schedule for the RN(AP)'s specific client population. (See schedule in Appendix A here) Prescription must include one of the following: treatment goal and/or diagnosis and/or clinical indication.	Cannot prescribe any controlled drugs or narcotics.	RN(AP)	DPIN Prescriber Number with "R" prefix
Registered Psychiatric Nurse (Authorized Prescriber)	CRPNM Public Registry	Reproductive health, sexually transmitted infections and blood borne pathogens; or diabetes health	A RPN(AP) can only prescribe a drug listed in the schedule for the RPN(AP)'s specific client population. (See schedule in Appendix B here) Prescription must include one of the following: treatment goal and/or diagnosis and/or clinical indication.	Cannot prescribe any controlled drugs or narcotics.	RPN(AP)	DPIN Prescriber Number with "R" prefix



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Graduate Nurse Practitioner	CRNM Nurse Check	Supervising Nurse Practitioner's Practice and specific area of practice for GNP	Prescription must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-signature of the supervising Nurse Practitioner/Physician Treatment goal and/or diagnosis and/or clinical indication 	Only if the supervising Nurse Practitioner does not have a condition on Nurse Check stating: "This member is not authorized to prescribe controlled substances."	RN(GNP)	Supervising Nurse Practitioner /Physician Number
Dentist	Manitoba Dentist Registry	Scope of Dental Practice	Prescription must be for treatment related to dental health, procedures, or surgery. Can prescribe smoking cessation medication once an educational program has been completed. Dentist should provide follow-up and monitoring of the patient.	Only if there are no additional restrictions regarding prescribing practices listed in the member's profile on the Dentist Registry .	DMD	Dentist License Number
Veterinarian	Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association	Veterinary Practice Only	Prescriptions must for animal, fish, or fowl. Prescriptions for office use are acceptable, but not for resale.	Yes	DVM	Not applicable



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Midwife	College of Midwives of Manitoba	Prenatal, pregnancy, post-partum and newborn care	May prescribe and administer drugs and prescribe medical devices as listed in Schedule B . Includes but not limited to: antibiotics, antifungal agents, anti-emetics, topical steroids for candidiasis, drugs for lactation, anti-haemorrhoidal agents, herpes simplex prophylaxis, oral diclofenac and naproxen, oral contraceptive pills, and medroxyprogesterone injection. Please see Schedule B for complete details.	No	RM	DPIN Prescriber Number with "M" prefix

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Optometrist	Manitoba Association of Optometrists (MAO)	Treatment of eye disease	<p>An optometrist with a Diagnostic licence can administer (but not prescribe) diagnostic drugs listed in Schedule A of the Optometry Regulation, while an optometrist with a Therapeutic license can prescribe and administer any medication listed in Schedule A.</p> <p>Schedule A includes all topical over the counter and prescription eye medications.</p> <p>Oral antibiotics can only be prescribed for treatment of chronic eyelid disease and if the optometrist consults and collaborates with a physician.</p> <p>For treatment of glaucoma, the optometrist must consult and collaborate with an ophthalmologist.</p>	No	OD	DPIN Prescriber number with "E" prefix

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Extended Practice Pharmacist (EPPh)	College of Pharmacists of Manitoba	Scope of their specialty as indicated on the public Pharmacist Directory and initial application	<p>Upon authorization from the College, can prescribe a NAPRA Schedule I medication within the scope of their application and specialty.</p> <p>Prescription must include one of the following: treatment goal and/or diagnosis and/or clinical indication.</p>	No	EPPh (Noted on the public pharmacist register)	Pharmacist License Number with "X" prefix
Pharmacist For a summary of all permitted pharmacist prescribing activities, please see here .	College of Pharmacists of Manitoba	Adapt a Prescription	<p>Adaptation of a prescription must be based on an existing prescription written by a licensed practitioner and is limited to adaptation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dosage strength, • Dosage interval and/or • Formulation. <p>For more information, see the Adaptation of a Prescription Practice Direction and the Practice Aid: Adaptation.</p>	A prescription for a drug that falls under <i>the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i> (CDSA) can be adapted only when the total amount of milligrams prescribed is not exceeded.	BSc Pharm	Pharmacist License Number with "X" prefix

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Pharmacist For a summary of all permitted pharmacist prescribing activities, please see here .	College of Pharmacists of Manitoba	Provide a Continued Care Prescription	<p>A pharmacist is authorized to refill a prescription beyond those authorized on the original prescription if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the patient has a continuing need or a chronic condition which is considered stable; b) the prescribing practitioner has died or retired within the previous six months or the prescribing practitioner has not responded to a refill authorization request and it would be onerous or impossible for the patient to contact or attend the original practitioner issuing the prescription in a timely manner; c) the patient's history with the prescribed drug has not changed; d) the patient has not experienced any adverse reactions to the medication; and e) the prescription was originally filled by the same pharmacy. <p>The pharmacist must promptly notify the original prescribing practitioner, unless the practitioner is deceased or retired.</p>	<p>A benzodiazepine cannot be renewed through continued care unless the drug is used to manage a convulsive disorder or if there is a risk of a seizure due to sudden withdrawal of the medication. Other drugs that fall under the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i> (CDSA) cannot be renewed as a continued care prescription.</p>	BSc Pharm	Pharmacist License Number with "X" prefix

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Pharmacist For a summary of all permitted pharmacist prescribing activities, please see here .	College of Pharmacists of Manitoba		A pharmacist may not authorize a refill quantity exceeding that of the original prescription. A pharmacist can only fill a continued care prescription once and cannot place refills on the prescription.			
		Prescribe in a public health emergency	In the event of a public health emergency affecting all or part of the province, the Minister of Health may notify CPhM to authorize pharmacists to prescribe drugs beyond their current scope. Upon approval by Council, members may prescribe under Council-specified conditions until the emergency concludes. Details of the approved policy are available in the Emergency Preparedness Resource Kit for Pharmacists .	As per Council policy	BSc Pharm	Pharmacist License Number with "X" prefix
		NAPRA Schedule II and III Drugs and Medical Devices	Prescribe a Schedule II or Schedule III drug listed in the NAPRA National Drug Schedules (NDS) , a drug with a DIN or NPN number not listed in NAPRA NDS, or Health Canada approved medical device .	No	BSc Pharm	Pharmacist License Number with "X" prefix



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Pharmacist For a summary of all permitted pharmacist prescribing activities, please see here .	College of Pharmacists of Manitoba		Prescription must include one of the following: treatment goal and/or diagnosis and/or clinical indication.			
		Drugs listed on Schedule 3 for Self-Limiting Conditions	Upon receipt of Certificate of Authorization, may prescribe drugs listed on Schedule 3 of the Regulation for Self-Limiting Conditions (excluding smoking cessation). Prescription must include one of the following: treatment goal and/or diagnosis and/or clinical indication.	No	BSc Pharm (Certification noted on Pharmacist Directory)	Pharmacist License Number with "X" prefix
		Drugs listed on Schedule 3 for Smoking Cessation	Upon receipt of Certificate of Authorization, may prescribe drugs listed on Schedule 3 of the Regulation for Smoking Cessation. Prescription must include one of the following: treatment goal and/or diagnosis and/or clinical indication.	No	BSc Pharm (Certification noted on Pharmacist Directory)	Pharmacist License Number with "X" prefix
		A drug specified for treatment of uncomplicated, recurrent cystitis	Upon receipt of Certificate of Authorization, may prescribe a drug for use in the treatment of uncomplicated, recurrent cystitis for non-pregnant individuals, if the drug is specified for such in a product monograph authorized by Health	No	BSc Pharm (Certification noted on Pharmacist Directory)	Pharmacist License Number with "X" prefix

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			<p>Canada. See the training resources for additional situations that would warrant referral to another health care provider.</p> <p>Prescription must include one of the following: treatment goal and/or diagnosis and/or clinical indication.</p>			
Podiatrist	College of Podiatrists of Manitoba (COPOM)	Podiatry Practice Only	<p>Upon authorization, a Podiatrist may prescribe a drug listed in Schedule A.1.</p> <p>Maximum durations and daily dosages apply for certain drugs (ketorolac, hydroxyzine, lorazepam, diazepam). See Schedule B, Section 6(4) of the Podiatrists Regulation for more details</p> <p>Prescriptions must include the diagnosis or expected outcome of treatment.</p>	<p>No*</p> <p><i>*Diazepam and lorazepam may be prescribed in certain situations. See Schedule B, Section 6(4) of the Podiatrists Regulation for more information. Diazepam and lorazepam cannot be stored in the podiatrist's practice location.</i></p>	Designations vary	DPIN Prescriber Number with "F" prefix
Naturopath**	Member Directory	None	Not applicable	No	ND	Not applicable

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** Manitoba pharmacists can fill prescriptions for health professionals listed as “designated practitioners” in the [Pharmaceutical \(General Matters\) Regulation](#), subject to having prescribing authority in their home province. Designated practitioners include the following:

1. A **pharmacist** authorized to practice pharmacy in Manitoba or another Canadian province or territory;
2. A **registered nurse** authorized to practice registered nursing in Manitoba or another Canadian province or territory;
3. An **optometrist** authorized to practice optometry in Manitoba or another Canadian province or territory;
4. A **midwife** authorized to practice midwifery in Manitoba or another Canadian province or territory;
5. A **registered psychiatric nurse** authorized to practice registered psychiatric nursing in Manitoba or another Canadian province or territory;
6. A **podiatrist** authorized to practice podiatry in Manitoba or another Canadian province or territory.

Manitoba pharmacists may also fill prescriptions from **out-of-province physicians, veterinarians, and dentists, with some exceptions**. Please see CPhM’s [Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions FAQ](#) and the [M3P FAQ](#) for more information on out-of-province prescriptions.

At this time, pharmacists in Manitoba **cannot dispense prescriptions from in-province or out-of-province naturopaths** (or any other healthcare professional not listed above) even if they have prescriptive authority in their own province.

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