

POLICY STATEMENT(S):

All community pharmacies are required to have the most current versions of the BC Pharmacy Practice Manual. The CPBC ReadLinks is an exception, as only the most recent three years must be retained.

Please ensure that all documents are current and readily accessible within the dispensary.

To obtain copies of the BC Pharmacy Practice Manual and CPBC ReadLinks, please contact the College office for an order form or access our website at www.bcpharmacists.org.

Electronic Database References

Electronic database references are acceptable for any of the authorized choices within any of the required categories, provided that they are as comprehensive as the printed version and meet the same updating requirements.

Residential Care Homes and Facilities References

Pharmacies providing service to licensed residential care facilities and homes must obtain a minimum of one reference applicable to geriatric residents or to psychiatric care residents, as appropriate to the pharmacy's service area.

Suppliers / Sources

Pharmacy reference texts can be obtained from several sources. The College is aware of the following suppliers of the required references:

BC Drug & Poison Information Centre (DPIC)
Tel: 604.682.2344 Ext. 62126

BC Pharmacy Association
Tel: 604.261.2092
Toll Free: 800.663.2840
Website: www.bcpharmacy.ca

Canadian Pharmacists Association
Toll Free: 800.917.9489
Website: www.pharmacists.ca

Harcourt Canada
Tel & Fax: 416.255.4491
Toll Free: 800.387.7278
Website: www.harcourt.com

Login Bros. Canada
Tel: 403.246.1963
Toll Free: 800.665.1148
Website: www.lb.ca

Pharma Systems Inc.
Toll Free: 888.475.2500
Website: www.pharmasystems.com

Therapeutic Research Facility
Tel: 209.472.2240
Website: www.naturaldatabase.com

UBC Health Sciences Bookshop
Tel: 604.875.5588
Toll Free: 800.665.7119
Website: www.hsb.bookstore.ubc.ca

POLICY CATEGORY:
POLICY FOCUS:

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE POLICY-3
Pharmacy References

All community pharmacies at a minimum must have one of the following authorized library references in each of the categories listed as per PODSA Bylaw 3(2)(w).

CATEGORY	VERSION	TEXT	ELECTRONIC FORMATS
COMPENDIUM	Current year	1. Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties	1. www.pharmacists.ca - e-CPS
COMPLEMENTARY / ALTERNATIVE	Within the last 4 years	1. Stockley's Herbal Medicines Interactions 2. Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database 3. Herbal Medicines – Pharmaceutical Press - MedicinesComplete.com	1. www.MedicinesComplete.com 2. www.naturaldatabase.com 3. www.lexi.com - Lexi-Naturals 4. www.ipharmacist.com 5. www.Micromedex.com - AltMedDex
DISPENSATORY	Within last 9 years	1. Martindale - The Complete Drug Reference. (Published every 3 years)	1. www.MedicinesComplete.com 2. www.lexi.com Lexi-drugs 3. www.ipharmacist.com
DRUG INTERACTIONS	In its entirety every 2 years, or continual updates	1. Stockley's Drug Interactions 2. Hansten and Horn's Drug Interactions Analysis and Management. St. Louis: Facts and Comparisons; continual updates 3. Drug Interaction Facts (Tatro). St. Louis: Facts and Comparisons	1. www.MedicinesComplete.com 2. www.factsandcomparisons.com 3. www.lexi.com - Lexi-Interact 4. www.ipharmacist.com 5. www.Micromedex.com – Drug-Reax
NONPRESCRIPTION MEDICATION * Both references required	Most current issue	1. Patient Self-Care. (PSC). Ottawa: Canadian Pharmacists Association 2. Compendium of Self-Care Products. (CSCP). Ottawa: Canadian Pharmacists Association	1. www.pharmacists.ca - e-Therapeutics (suite)
MEDICAL DICTIONARY * Those listed or any equivalent professional medical dictionary	Within the last 15 years	1. Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary 2. Dorland's Pocket Medical Dictionary 3. Stedman's Medical Dictionary 4. Stedman's Medical Dictionary-Health Professions and Nursing 5. Tabor's Medical Dictionary	1. www.dorlands.com 2. www.ipharmacist.com
PREGNANCY AND LACTATION	Within the last 3 years	1. Drugs in Pregnancy and Lactation by Briggs 2. Drugs during Pregnancy and Lactation by Christof Schaefer 3. Medications and Mother's Milk by Thomas Hale	1. www.lexi.com - Lexi-Pregnancy and Lactation 2. www.ipharmacist.com
PEDIATRICS	Within the last 4 years	1. Pediatric Dosage Handbook. (Taketomo) Hudson: Lexi-Comp Inc. 2. British Columbia's Children's Hospital Pediatric Drug Dosage Guidelines. (Vancouver)	1. www.lexi.com - Lexi-Pediatric Drugs 2. http://edreg.cw.bc.ca/BookStore/public/bookstore/ 3. www.ipharmacist.com
THERAPEUTICS	Within last 4 years	1. Therapeutic Choices. Ottawa: Canadian Pharmacists Association	1. www.pharmacists.ca – e-Therapeutics

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All hospital pharmacies and hospital pharmacy satellites must be equipped with a reference library of current references relevant to medication compounding, dispensing and/or preparation of medication orders, and current patient-oriented references for the provision of patient-oriented pharmacy services.