

This policy provides guidance to pharmacies for complying with reference material requirements as required under the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act* (“PODSA”) Bylaws section 18(2)(v~~w~~).

**POLICY STATEMENT – HOSPITAL AND HOSPITAL PHARMACY SATELLITES:**

1. All hospital pharmacies and hospital pharmacy satellites must be equipped with, current references relevant to the services provided (examples including but not limited to: Pediatrics, Psychiatric, Geriatric, Oncology and Compounding)

**POLICY STATEMENTS – COMMUNITY PHARMACY AND TELEPHARMACY:**

1. All community pharmacies and telepharmacies are required to have access to current versions of the following:
  - (a) all legislation relevant to pharmacy practice and management;
  - (b) College of Pharmacists of British Columbia (CPBC) Professional Practice Policies and Guides; and
  - (c) CPBC ReadLinks published within the last three years.

Electronic formatted files and electronic database<sup>†</sup> references are acceptable for any of the authorized choices within any of the required categories, provided that they are as comprehensive and current as the printed version, as well as readily accessible within the dispensary.

<sup>†</sup> Subscription may be required

2. All community pharmacies and telepharmacies at a minimum must have **one** of the following authorized library references in each of the categories listed in the table (unless otherwise noted).

In addition to the list in the table, pharmacies must be equipped with current references relevant to the services provided (examples including but not limited to: Opioid Agonist Treatment, Veterinary, Psychiatric, Geriatric and Compounding)

**POLICY CATEGORY:**  
**POLICY FOCUS:**

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE POLICY-3**  
**Pharmacy References**

CATEGORY	VERSION	REFERENCE (* items marked with an asterisk are available electronically only)
COMPENDIUM	Current year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties</i> (Canadian Pharmacists Association)</li> </ul>
COMPLEMENTARY / ALTERNATIVE	Within the last 4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Stockley's Herbal Medicines Interactions</i></li> <li>• *<i>Facts &amp; Comparisons® eAnswers</i> at <a href="http://online.factsandcomparisons.com">online.factsandcomparisons.com</a></li> <li>• *<i>iPharmacist</i> (mobile app by Apotex)</li> <li>• *<i>Lexicomp Online</i> at <a href="http://online.lexi.com">online.lexi.com</a> OR <i>Lexicomp</i> (mobile app by Lexi-comp or Wolters Kluwer)</li> <li>• *<i>MedicinesComplete</i> at <a href="http://www.MedicinesComplete.com">www.MedicinesComplete.com</a></li> <li>• *<i>Micromedex Pharmaceutical Knowledge</i> at <a href="http://www.Micromedex.com">www.Micromedex.com</a></li> <li>• *<i>Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database</i> at <a href="http://www.naturaldatabase.com">www.naturaldatabase.com</a> OR mobile app by Therapeutic Research Center</li> <li>• *<i>Natural Medicines</i> at <a href="http://www.naturalmedicines.com">www.naturalmedicines.com</a></li> </ul>
DISPENSATORY	Within the last 9 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Martindale - The Complete Drug Reference</i> (Published every 3 years)</li> <li>• *<i>iPharmacist</i> (mobile app by Apotex)</li> <li>• *<i>Lexicomp Online</i> (Lexi-Drugs) at <a href="http://online.lexi.com">online.lexi.com</a> OR <i>Lexicomp</i> (mobile app by Lexi-comp or Wolters Kluwer)</li> <li>• *<i>MedicinesComplete</i> at <a href="http://www.MedicinesComplete.com">www.MedicinesComplete.com</a></li> <li>• *<i>Micromedex Pharmaceutical Knowledge</i> at <a href="http://www.Micromedex.com">www.Micromedex.com</a> OR <i>Micromedex Drug Info – Mobile</i> (mobile app by Truven)</li> </ul>
DRUG INTERACTIONS	In its entirety every 2 years, or continual updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Stockley's Drug Interactions</i></li> <li>• <i>Drug Interactions Analysis and Management</i> (Hansten &amp; Horn) *Loose leaf version must have continual updates*</li> <li>• <i>Drug Interaction Facts: The Authority on Drug Interactions</i> (Tatro)</li> <li>• *<i>Facts &amp; Comparisons® eAnswers</i> at <a href="http://online.factsandcomparisons.com">online.factsandcomparisons.com</a></li> <li>• *<i>iPharmacist</i> (mobile app by Apotex)</li> <li>• *<i>Lexicomp Online</i> (Lexi-Interact) at <a href="http://online.lexi.com">online.lexi.com</a> OR <i>Lexicomp</i> (mobile app by Lexi-comp/Wolters Kluwer)</li> <li>• *<i>MedicinesComplete</i> at <a href="http://www.MedicinesComplete.com">www.MedicinesComplete.com</a></li> <li>• *<i>Micromedex Pharmaceutical Knowledge</i> at <a href="http://www.Micromedex.com">www.Micromedex.com</a> OR <i>Micromedex Drug Interactions</i> (mobile app by Truven)</li> <li>• *<i>RxTx Option 2</i> OR <i>RxTx Option 3</i> at <a href="http://www.pharmacists.ca">www.pharmacists.ca</a></li> </ul>
MEDICAL DICTIONARY * Those listed or any equivalent professional medical dictionary	Within the last 15 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary</i></li> <li>• <i>Dorland's Pocket Medical Dictionary</i></li> <li>• <i>Stedman's Medical Dictionary</i></li> <li>• <i>Stedman's Medical Dictionary-Health Professions and Nursing</i></li> <li>• <i>Taber's Medical Dictionary</i></li> <li>• *<i>iPharmacist</i> (mobile app by Apotex)</li> <li>• *<i>Lexicomp</i> (mobile app by Lexi-comp/Wolters Kluwer)</li> <li>• *<i>MedicinesComplete</i> at <a href="http://www.MedicinesComplete.com">www.MedicinesComplete.com</a></li> <li>• *<i>The Free Dictionary by Farlex</i> at <a href="http://medical-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/">http://medical-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/</a></li> </ul>
NONPRESCRIPTION	Most current	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Compendium of Therapeutics for Minor Ailments</i> [formerly called <i>Therapeutic Choices For Minor</i></li> </ul>

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<b>MEDICATION</b> <b>*BOTH* references required</b>	version	<i>Ailments or Patient Self-Care</i> (Canadian Pharmacists Association) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Compendium of Products for Minor Ailments</i> [formerly called <i>Products for Minor Ailments</i> or <i>Compendium of Self-Care Products</i>] (Canadian Pharmacists Association)</li> </ul>
<b>PREGNANCY AND LACTATION</b>	Within the last 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Drugs in Pregnancy and Lactation: A Reference Guide to Fetal and Neonatal Risk</i> (Briggs)</li> <li>• <i>Drugs during Pregnancy and Lactation: Treatment Options and Risk Assessment</i> (Schaefer et al)</li> <li>• <i>Medications and Mother's Milk</i> (Hale)</li> <li>• <i>*Facts &amp; Comparisons® eAnswers</i> at <a href="http://online.factsandcomparisons.com">online.factsandcomparisons.com</a></li> <li>• <i>*iPharmacist</i> (mobile app by Apotex)</li> <li>• <i>*Lexicomp Online</i> (Lexi-Pregnancy and Lactation) at <a href="http://online.lexi.com">online.lexi.com</a> OR <i>Lexicomp</i> (mobile app by Lexi-comp/Wolters Kluwer)</li> <li>• <i>*Medications and Mother's Milk</i> at <a href="http://www.medsilk.com">www.medsilk.com</a></li> <li>• <i>*MedicinesComplete</i> at <a href="http://www.Medicinescomplete.com">www.Medicinescomplete.com</a></li> </ul>
<b>PEDIATRICS</b>	Within the last 4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pediatric &amp; Neonatal Dosage Handbook</i> (Taketomo/Lexicomp)</li> <li>• <i>Pediatric Drug Dosage Guidelines</i> (British Columbia's Children's Hospital)</li> <li>• <i>*BC Children's and Women's Hospital (C&amp;W) Online Formulary</i> at <a href="http://www.pedmed.org/DrugApp/index.html">http://www.pedmed.org/DrugApp/index.html</a></li> <li>• <i>*iPharmacist</i> (mobile app by Apotex)</li> <li>• <i>*Lexicomp Online</i> (Pediatric &amp; Neonatal Lexi-Drugs) at <a href="http://online.lexi.com">online.lexi.com</a> OR <i>Lexicomp</i> (mobile app by Lexi-comp/Wolters Kluwer)</li> <li>• <i>*Micromedex Pharmaceutical Knowledge</i> at <a href="http://www.Micromedex.com">www.Micromedex.com</a> OR <i>Micromedex Pediatrics Essentials</i> (mobile app by Truven)</li> </ul>
<b>PROFESSIONAL / LEGISLATION</b> <b>*BOTH* required</b>	Legislation, Professional Practice Policies and Guides: Current version  CPBC ReadLinks: Within the last 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Legislation relevant to pharmacy practice and management</i> (<a href="http://www.bcpharmacists.org">www.bcpharmacists.org</a>)</li> <li>• <i>CPBC Professional Practice Policies and Guides</i> (<a href="http://www.bcpharmacists.org">www.bcpharmacists.org</a>)</li> <li>• <i>CPBC ReadLinks</i> (<a href="http://www.bcpharmacists.org">www.bcpharmacists.org</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>THERAPEUTICS</b>	Within the last 4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Compendium of Therapeutic Choices</i> [formerly called <i>Therapeutic Choices</i>] (Canadian Pharmacists Association)</li> </ul>