

Required References

Pharmacies are required to have one **current** edition from each numbered category below unless otherwise stated, in order to provide optimal patient care and pharmacy services. Note that abridged versions of the below required references are **not** acceptable.

Electronic Comprehensive Pharmacy Information System Databases may be used and must be current – *Standards for the Operation of Licensed Pharmacies* – Standard 4.19. Online or electronic versions of required reference sources are acceptable provided they mirror the hard copy and provide the same or greater information. In addition, pharmacy staff must be familiar with the use of, and be able to access, the online resource. Online or electronic resources must be available at all times in the professional area of the licensed location. Where electronic or online resources are used in a pharmacy, policies and procedures shall be in place in the event that a communication failure occurs.

All references are available from: i) the publisher; ii) the bookstore of a local university; iii) various retail outlets including online booksellers. Pharmacists should check with their chosen distributor before ordering to get the most current edition.

1. Federal/Provincial Professional Legislation

- Internet access to the ACP website

2. Canadian Compendium

- *CPS 2019: Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties* **or**
- online as *RxTx* (option 2 or 3)¹

3. Drug Interaction Text

- Online subscription to Lexicomp's *Lexi-Interact* (online or as part of *RxTx* option 2 or 3)¹; or
- *Drug Interaction Facts 2015: The Authority on Drug Interactions/Tatro*; or
- *Stockley's Drug Interactions, 11th edition, 2016/Preston*

4. Therapeutics Text

- *Pharmacotherapy: A Pathophysiologic Approach, 10th edition/DiPiro* (2016); or
- *Compendium of Therapeutic Choices, 2019 edition/CPhA*; or
- Online subscription to *RxTx* (option 2 or 3)¹

5. Dispensatory/Foreign Drug Text

- *Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference, 39th edition/Brayfield* (or electronically through *MedicinesComplete, LexiComp Online for Community Pharmacy, or Micromedex*)²

6. Medical Dictionary³

- *Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 32nd edition*/Dorland (also available in eBook or online format); or
- *Stedman's Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions and Nursing, 7th edition*/Stedman (also available in online format); or
- *Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, 23rd edition*/Venes (also available in app/online format)

7. OTC Reference

- *Compendium of Products for Minor Ailments, (CPMA 2019)* **and** *Compendium of Therapeutics for Minor Ailments (CTMA 2019)*; or
- Online subscription to RxTx (option 1 or 3)¹

8. Natural Health Products and Alternative Therapies Text

- *Therapeutic Research Center (TRC) Natural Medicines* (online only); or
- *Lexi-Natural Products* (through *Lexicomp Online*, *Lexicomp Online for Community Pharmacy*, *Lexicomp Professional Package for Retail Pharmacists*, or *Lexicomp Premium Package for Hospital Pharmacists*)

¹ RxTx Option 1: *Compendium of Therapeutics for Minor Ailments (CTMA)* and *Compendium of Products for Minor Ailments (CPMA)*

Option 2: *Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (CPS)* and *Compendium of Therapeutic Choices (CTC)*

Option 3: *CPS*, *CTC*, *CTMA* and *CPMA*

² This may be the current Martindale edition or the edition immediately preceding the current edition.

³ May be any edition provided the edition is not more than ten years past the date of publication.