

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

- the publisher,
- the bookstore of a local university, or
- 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 2021: Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties [hard copy or online as part of the RxTx subscription package] or*
- Internet access to the *Health Canada Drug Product Database (DPD)*

3. Drug Interaction Text

- *LexiComp's Lexi-Interact* (online, or as part of RxTx) **or**
- *Stockley's Drug Interactions, 12th edition, 2019/Preston or*
- *iPharmacist 360 Drug Interaction Checker or*
- *Micromedex*

4. Therapeutics Text

- *Pharmacotherapy: A Pathophysiologic Approach, 11th edition/DiPiro (2020) or*
- *Compendium of Therapeutic Choices, 2019 edition/CPhA or*
- *RxTx*

5. Dispensatory/Foreign Drug Text

- *Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference, 40th edition/Brayfield* (or online through *MedicinesComplete, LexiComp, or Micromedex*)¹

¹ This may be the current Martindale edition or the edition immediately preceding the current edition.

6. Medical Dictionary²

- *Dorland’s Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 33rd edition/Dorland* (available online) **or**
- *Stedman’s Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions and Nursing, 7th edition/Stedman* (available online) **or**
- *Taber’s Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, 24th edition/Venes* (available online)

7. OTC Reference

- *Compendium of Products for Minor Ailments, (CPMA 2019) and Compendium of Therapeutics for Minor Ailments (CTMA 2019)* **or**
- RxTx

8. Natural Health Products and Alternative Therapies Text

- *Therapeutic Research Center (TRC) Natural Medicines* (online only) **or**
- *LexiComp’s Lexi-Natural Products* **or**
- *iPharmacist 360 Natural Products*

² May be any edition provided the edition is not more than ten years past the date of publication.