

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.

Electronic comprehensive pharmacy information system databases may be used and must be current. 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. Note that abridged versions of the below required references are **not** acceptable.

1. **Federal/Provincial Professional Legislation**
 - Internet access to the ACP website
2. **Canadian Compendium**
 - *CPS: Drug Information* (online only) **or**
 - Internet access to the *Health Canada Drug Product Database (DPD)* **or**
 - RxVigilance
3. **Drug Interaction Reference**
 - *Lexicomp's Lexi-Interact* **or**
 - *Stockley's Drug Interactions online through MedicinesComplete* **or**
 - *iPharmacist 360 Drug Interaction Checker* **or**
 - *IBM® Micromedex®*
4. **Therapeutics Reference**
 - *Pharmacotherapy: A Pathophysiologic Approach, 12th edition/DiPiro (2021)* **or**
 - *CPS Therapeutic Choices, 2021*
5. **Dispensatory/Foreign Drug Reference**
 - *Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference, 40th edition/ Buckingham* (or online through *MedicinesComplete, Lexicomp, or IBM® Micromedex®*)¹
6. **Medical Dictionary²**
 - *Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 33rd edition/Dorland* **or**
 - *Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, 24th edition/Venes* **or**
 - *Stedman's Online Medical Dictionary*
7. **OTC Reference**
 - *Compendium of Products for Minor Ailments, (CPMA 2019)* **and** *Compendium of Therapeutics for Minor Ailments (CTMA 2019)*

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

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

8. Natural Health Products and Alternative Therapies Reference

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

9. Veterinary Medicine Reference

One current veterinary medicine reference (the latest edition) to support the services provided for animals. Some suggestions include but are not limited to the following:

- *Plumb's Veterinary Drug Handbook*
- *The Merck Veterinary Manual*
- *Saunders Handbook of Veterinary Drugs*
- *Compendium of Veterinary Products*
- *Applied Pharmacology for Veterinary Technicians*
- *Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics*