

A Summary of Federal and Provincial Laws Governing Prescription Drug Distribution and Records in NL

Classification	Description	Prescription Requirements	Refills	Transfers	Purchases	Sales Record	Ordering	Files & Records
Narcotic Drug	- 1 narcotic - 1 narcotic + 1 active non-narcotic ingredient - All narcotics for parenteral use - All products containing hydrocodone, methadone, oxycodone or pentazocine	- Written ¹ - Faxed ² - Must be signed & dated	- No refills allowed - May be prescribed to be dispensed in divided portions (part-fills)	- Narcotic drug prescriptions may not be transferred	- Upon receipt, record in a book, register or similar record maintained for that purpose - All narcotics or controlled drugs received from another pharmacist (i.e. emergency supply) must be recorded in a book, register or other record maintained for the purpose of recording such transactions	- Record all prescription sales in a book, register or other record - All narcotics supplied to another pharmacist for emergency purposes must be recorded	- In writing, signed & dated by pharmacist - Electronically (using ID code), but written confirmation must be received by supplier within 5 working days of order being filled	- All prescriptions, whether in writing from the prescriber or received verbally, must be filed in sequence as to date & \mathcal{R}_x number
Verbal Prescription Narcotic (Narcotic Preparation)	- 1 narcotic + 2 or more active non-narcotic ingredients Exempted codeine compounds: contain codeine up to 8 mg/solid dosage form or 20 mg/30 ml liquid + 2 or 3 active non-narcotic ingredients	- Written ¹ - Faxed ² - Verbal ³ - Exempted codeine compounds may be dispensed by a pharmacist without a prescription ⁴	- No refills permitted if original prescription is verbal - If written, the original \mathcal{R}_x may be refilled if the prescriber has indicated in writing the number of refills & dates for, or intervals between, refills - May be prescribed to be dispensed in divided portions (part-fills)	- Controlled drug prescriptions may not be transferred		- Prescription sales need not be recorded in a "register", except when an emergency supply is provided to another pharmacist	- As above - May also be ordered verbally; written confirmation of receipt is required by supplier as above	-Prescriptions for narcotics, controlled drugs & preps of either may be filed together, but must be separated from all other prescriptions
Controlled Drug (CD) Part I	- 1 or more controlled drugs: - Amphetamines, methylphenidate, methaqualone, phendimetrazine, phenmetrazine, pentobarbital, secobarbital, GHB, aminorex, fenetylline, glutethamide, lefetamine, mecloqualone, mesocarb, pemoline, zipeprol, amineptine Preparation: 1 CD listed above + 1 or more active non-controlled drug(s)	<i>1. In NL, prescriptions for drugs listed in the Schedule of Drugs, Tamper Resistant Prescription Drug Pad Program (TRPDP) must be written on the approved \mathcal{R}_x pad.</i>	- No refills permitted if original prescription is verbal - If written, the original \mathcal{R}_x may be refilled if the prescriber has indicated in writing the number of refills & dates for, or intervals between, refills - May be prescribed to be dispensed in divided portions (part-fills)			- Record prescription sales in a "register", except those of Preparations - Sales of Preparations must be recorded when an emergency supply is provided to another pharmacist	- In writing, signed & dated by pharmacist - Electronically (using ID code), but written confirmation must be received by supplier within 5 working days of order being filled	- A pharmacist must retain for a period of 2 years all records required to be kept by the <i>Narcotic Control Regs., Controlled Drugs & Substances Regs., Targeted Substances Regs.</i> (e.g., records of purchases, sales, etc.)
Controlled Drug Part II	- Barbiturates (except pentobarbital, secobarbital), thiobarbiturates, chlorphentermine, diethylpropion, phentermine, butorphanol, nalbuphine, pyrovalerone Preparation: 1 CD listed above + 1 or more active non-controlled drug(s)	<i>2. In NL, as per NLPB Standards of Pharmacy Practice regarding faxed prescriptions. Faxed prescriptions for TRPDP drugs must be written on the approved \mathcal{R}_x pad.</i>	- Refills permitted for written or verbal prescriptions if the prescriber has authorized, in writing or verbally, on the original prescription the number of refills & dates for, or intervals between, refills - May be prescribed to be dispensed in divided portions (part-fills)		- Record receipt in a manner that permits an audit to be made; form not specified (except for emergency supply - record as above)	- Prescription sales need not be recorded in a "register", except when an emergency supply is provided to another pharmacist	- In writing, signed & dated by pharmacist - Electronically (using ID) - Verbally For electronic or verbal orders, written confirmation must be received by supplier within 5 working days of order being filled.	- In NL, pharmacists must abide by NLPB <i>Standards of Pharmacy Operation</i> related to the Security/ Accountability of Narcotics & Controlled Drugs (e.g., storage, inventory control, record keeping, etc.)
Controlled Drug Part III	- Anabolic steroids & their derivatives - Zeranol							-In NL, hard copies of \mathcal{R}_x (+ other patient records required by legislation) must be kept for at least 3 years after being scanned and stored electronically; records not scanned for electronic storage must be kept for at least 10 years.
Benzodiazepines & Targeted Substances (BZP/TS)	- Class 1: Benzodiazepines & their salts and derivatives - Class 2	<i>3. In NL, prescriptions for TRPDP Program drugs may not be accepted verbally.</i>	- Refills permitted for written or verbal prescriptions if the prescriber has authorized, in writing or verbally on the original prescription, the number of refills	- Prescriptions may be transferred - Prescriptions for BZP/TS may be transferred only once	- Record receipt; form not specified	- Prescription sales need not be recorded in a "register" - Pharmacists must keep a hard copy of the order for all sales without a prescription	- In writing, signed by pharmacist - Electronically (using ID) - Verbally (record keeping by supplier required)	
Prescription Drug	- All drugs listed in the Prescription Drug List , established by Minister under <i>Food & Drugs Act</i>	<i>4. In NL, as per NLPB Standards of Pharmacy Practice regarding supply of exempted codeine products.</i>			- Record of purchases not required	- Prescription sales need not be recorded in a "register"	- May be ordered by written or verbal means or electronically	<i>Compiled by: W. Spurrell, MUN School of Pharmacy; Reviewed Jan 2016</i>