

Cannabis Act – Resources to Help You Stay Up-To-Date

The *Cannabis Act* comes into force on October 17, 2018. While pharmacists are not currently involved in the sale of cannabis, the new legislation may increase questions from the public and other health professionals about cannabis access and use. As drug experts, pharmacists are key resources for information on side effects of cannabis, and how cannabis may interact with patients' health conditions and medications. Here are a list of resources to help you stay up-to-date:

- Department of Justice, Government of Canada. *Cannabis Legalization and Regulation*. Available at: <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/cannabis/>
- Government of Canada. *Cannabis for Medical Purposes*. Available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/topics/cannabis-for-medical-purposes.html>
- Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. *Cannabis in Newfoundland and Labrador*. Available at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/cannabis/>
- Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation. *Cannabis NL* website. Available at: <http://shopcannabisnl.com/>
- Canadian Pharmacists' Association (CPhA)-
Visit <https://www.pharmacists.ca/advocacy/medical-cannabis/> for a full list of advocacy statements, practice development resources (including accredited continuing education programs, conversation tool, evidence guide, Q&A document, and Cannabis Monograph), and government submissions . The monograph on cannabis is available on CPS mobile, CPS online and RxTx; it includes information on how cannabis fits in a patient's medication management, and additional information on warnings (including use in children, pregnancy, and breast feeding), drug interactions and side effects.
- Canadian College of Family Physicians - *Simplified Guidelines for Prescribing Medical Cannabinoids for Primary Care* . Available at: <http://www.cfp.ca/content/cfp/64/2/111.full.pdf>
- Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction. *Marijuana Research*. Available at: <http://www.ccdus.ca/Eng/topics/Marijuana/Marijuana-Research/Pages/default.aspx>
- NL Pharmacy Board (NLPB) Webinar- *Cannabis: Know Your Role*. Available at: <http://www.nlpb.ca/news-advisories/professional-practice-webinars/>
- NLPB Position Statement: *Cannabis For Medical And Non-Medical Purposes*. Available at: <http://www.nlpb.ca/cannabis-for-medical-and-non-medical-purposes/>
- CADTH - "Medical Cannabis Evidence Bundle" <https://www.cadth.ca/evidence-bundles/medical-cannabis-evidence-bundle>

Do you have any other helpful resources related to Cannabis? Let us know!

Listen to NL pharmacist Janice Audeau's interview with the CBC Morning Show about how pharmacists are preparing for the legalization of recreational cannabis here: <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/st-john-s-morning-show>