

June 2023

Prescription Drugs Update PHARMACISTS HAVE NEW PRESCRIBING POWERS

As of January 1, 2023, Ontarians can stop in at pharmacies across the province to receive prescriptions for 13 common ailments. This service removes a doctor's office visit and comes at no extra cost to Ontarians.

Pharmacists are now able to offer prescriptions for:

- hay fever (allergic rhinitis);
- oral thrush (candidal stomatitis);
- pink eye (conjunctivitis; bacterial, allergic and viral);
- dermatitis (atopic, eczema, allergic and contact);
- menstrual cramps (dysmenorrhea);
- acid reflux (gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD));
- hemorrhoids;
- cold sores (herpes labialis);
- impetigo;
- insect bites and hives;
- tick bites (post-exposure prophylaxis to prevent Lyme disease);
- sprains and strains (musculoskeletal); and
- urinary tract infections (UTIs).