

	AB	BC	MB	NB	NL	NS	ON	PE	QC	SK
Argon Laser Trabeculoplasty (ALT)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Minor surgical procedures (e.g. minor lesion removal)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

NOTE: **Cat** = Specific category of drugs / **List** = Specific list of drugs / **O** = Oral / **T** = Topical / **Y** = Yes

The **National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA)** defines drug schedules* as:

Schedule I Drugs (Prescription) require a prescription for sale and are provided to the public by the pharmacist following the diagnosis and professional intervention of a practitioner. The sale is controlled in a regulated environment as defined by provincial pharmacy legislation.

Schedule II Drugs (Behind the Counter) while less strictly regulated, do require professional intervention from the pharmacist at the point of sale and possibly referral to a practitioner. While a prescription is not required, the drugs are available only from the pharmacist and must be retained within an area of the pharmacy where there is no public access and no opportunity for patient self-selection.

Schedule III Drugs (Pharmacy Only) may present risks to certain populations in self-selection. Although available without a prescription, these drugs are to be sold from the self-selection area of the pharmacy which is operated under the direct supervision of the pharmacist, subject to any local professional discretionary requirements which may increase the degree of control. Such an environment is accessible to the patient and clearly identified as the “professional services area” of the pharmacy. The pharmacist is available, accessible and approachable to assist the patient in making an appropriate self-medication selection.

*See: <https://www.napra.ca/national-drug-schedules/drug-scheduling-in-canada/>

Table 2 – Proposed Scope Modernization

Province	Planned Scope Change
Alberta	Approved in principal and awaiting implementation for injections, minor lid procedures and optometric lasers (SLT, ALT and YAG caps)
British Columbia	N/A
Manitoba	Oral antivirals; increase number of topical glaucoma meds from 2 to 3
New Brunswick	Ordering lab tests and minor procedures (including laser)
Newfoundland Labrador	Lab testing, Injections, Minor Surgical Procedures, LPI, SLT, ALT, YAG
Nova Scotia	LPI, SLT,ALT , minor procedures, Lab testing
Ontario	https://collegeoptom.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/Proposed-Changes-to-Scope-of-Practice-July-2024.pdf
Prince Edward Island	N/A
Quebec	New legislation pending that will put optometry as a “primary eye care profession” and no more lists or categories of medications or treatment; injectables; minor surgeries and laser treatments
Saskatchewan	Lab testing, Injections, Minor Surgical Procedures, LPI, SLT, ALT, YAG