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Hospital Pharmacy Services

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The hospital Pharmacy Department includes pharmacists and pharmacy practice assistants, who are important members of your health care team. They work directly with you to help with your health care needs. They offer medication knowledge and care in all areas of Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA).

What pharmacy services are available at NSHA?

Medication preparation

Pharmacists and pharmacy practice assistants work hard to get your medication ready safely and properly, and to deliver it on time.

Medication history

Pharmacists and pharmacy practice assistants work with you and your family members to get an accurate list of all the medications that you take.

Medication management

Pharmacists work closely with your doctors and nurses to make sure your medications are the right ones for you at the right dose. They make sure your medications are safe and do not interact with each other. Pharmacists also help you understand why you are taking the medications and work with you to reduce their side effects.

Medication teaching

- Pharmacists can answer any questions you have about your medications. They can teach you about your medications, how to take them, and how to store them. They can give you a medication calendar that has the name of each medication, the reason why you are taking the medication, and what time of day you should take the medication.
- Pharmacists work to make sure you are offered convenient medication choices. They can work with your health care team and drug plan to find the most affordable medication for you. They help you get ready to go home with all the information you need. They can also work with your community pharmacy to make sure that all of your medication needs are met.

Health promotion

As a part of promoting wellness in many hospitals, pharmacists take part in vaccination programs. They can also work with you to help you stop smoking.

Learning, teaching, and research

- Pharmacy staff are dedicated to lifelong learning. Pharmacists are leaders in the hospital and take part in teaching other pharmacists, pharmacy students, pharmacy residents, and various members of the health care team.
- Pharmacists want to make sure the best possible medication choices are available. To do this, pharmacists take part in research that focuses on how they can improve the way they practice pharmacy and provide the best care.

Medication information and review

- NSHA pharmacists provide drug information to your health care team.
- Pharmacists look at the use, safety, effectiveness, and cost of drugs to make sure the right ones are being used for you.
- If you would like to see a pharmacist at any time during your visit, please tell a member of your health care team.

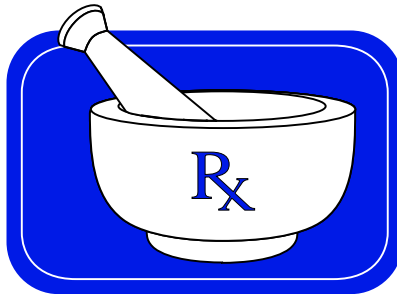
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The Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists

› www.cshp.ca

Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia

› www.pans.ns.ca



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