Notice: Meningococcal Vaccines
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The NSCP has recently fielded a number of questions with respect to whether or not pharmacists can legally prescribe and administer meningococcal vaccines.

The Standards of Practice: Pharmacist Prescribing authorize pharmacists to prescribe any Schedule II drug, provided they follow the Standards and the Standards of Practice: Drug Administration authorize pharmacists with a valid NSCP Drug Administration by Injection Permit to administer Schedule II drugs by injection, provided they follow the Standards and provided they have the knowledge, skills and abilities with respect to the specific drug or vaccine.

The National Drug Schedules classify vaccines which are part of a routine immunization program in most/all provinces and territories as Schedule II, including meningococcal vaccines.


The Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness has recently posted information on its website regarding bacterial meningitis: http://novascotia.ca/dhw/CDPC/meningitis.asp

The Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists