



Nova Scotia
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Amendments to Drug Administration Standards

The NSCP has broadened pharmacists' authority under the *Standards of Practice: Drug Administration* (section 3.1.3) to include all drugs administered by the intramuscular (IM) or subcutaneous (SC) route, with the exception of drugs and other substances used for cosmetic purposes (e.g., Botox®, Dysport®, etc.) where:

- the pharmacist has been granted a *NSCP Drug Administration by Injection Permit*;
- the patient is two years of age or older; and
- the pharmacist does so consistent with the Standards and *Appendix G - Special Considerations and Limitations when Providing Injections*.

As this expands the authority to administer drugs not previously administered by pharmacists, it is important to pay particular attention to *Appendix G - Special Considerations and Limitations when Providing Injections*.

For clarity, this broadened authority removes regulatory barriers to allow pharmacists to meet the needs of their patients. However, pharmacists should only provide these services if they have the capacity and are able to do so safely.