

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
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Re: Confirmation on Requirement for Duplicate Prescription Forms

There continues to be confusion regarding the requirement to use duplicate prescription forms when prescribing Monitored Drugs (excluding benzodiazepines) under the current temporary subsection 56 CDSA exemptions.

The Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Program (NSPMP) has confirmed that duplicate prescription forms continue to be required for all written prescriptions presented in person for Monitored Drugs (excluding benzodiazepines) dispensed at Nova Scotia pharmacies. This is an important strategy in mitigating the risk of forgeries.

The NSPMP's legislated mandate is to promote the appropriate use, and reduce the abuse and misuse, of Monitored Drugs in Nova Scotia. It is important that pharmacy practitioners monitor NSPMP Bulletins and Alerts for timely information. Bulletins can be found on the [NSPMP website](#).

Any questions regarding duplicate form requirements or out of province prescriber registration should be directed to NSPMP at pmp@medavie.bluecross.ca or 902-496-7123.