

**A Summary of Federal and Provincial Laws Governing Prescription Drug Distribution and Records in NL**

Classification	Description	Prescription Requirements	Refills	Transfers	Purchases	Sales Record	Ordering	Files & Records
<b>Narcotic Drug</b>	- 1 narcotic - 1 narcotic + 1 active non-narcotic ingredient - All narcotics for parenteral use - All products containing hydrocodone, methadone, oxycodone or pentazocine	- Written <sup>1</sup> - Faxed <sup>2</sup> - Must be signed & dated	- No refills allowed - May be prescribed to be dispensed in divided portions (part-fills)	- Narcotic drug prescriptions may <b>not</b> be transferred	- Upon receipt, record in a book, register or similar record maintained for that purpose  - All narcotics or controlled drugs received from another pharmacist (i.e. emergency supply) must be recorded in a book, register or other record maintained for the purpose of recording such transactions	- Record all prescription sales in a book, register or other record - All narcotics supplied to another pharmacist for emergency purposes must be recorded	- In writing, signed & dated by pharmacist - Electronically (using ID code), but written confirmation must be received by supplier within 5 working days of order being filled	- All prescriptions, whether in writing from the prescriber or received verbally & recorded by the pharmacist, must be filed in sequence as to date & prescription number
<b>Verbal Prescription Narcotic (Narcotic Preparation)</b>	- 1 narcotic + 2 or more active non-narcotic ingredients in a therapeutic dose - <b>Exempted codeine compounds:</b> contain codeine up to 8 mg/solid dosage form or 20 mg/30 ml liquid + 2 or more active non-narcotic ingredients	- Written <sup>1</sup> - Faxed <sup>2</sup> - Verbal <sup>3</sup> - Exempted codeine compounds may be dispensed by a pharmacist without a prescription <sup>4</sup>	- No refills permitted if original prescription is verbal - If written, the original prescription may be refilled if the prescriber has indicated in writing the number of refills & dates for, or intervals between, refills - May be prescribed to be dispensed in divided portions (part-fills)	- Controlled drug prescriptions may <b>not</b> be transferred		- Prescription sales need not be recorded in a "register", except when an emergency supply is provided to another pharmacist	- As above - May also be ordered verbally; written confirmation of receipt is required by supplier as above	- All prescriptions must be kept for at least 2 years from the (last) date of dispensing
<b>Controlled Drug (CD) Part I</b>	- 1 or more controlled drugs: - Amphetamines, methylphenidate, methaqualone, phendimetrazine, phenmetrazine, pentobarbital, secobarbital, GHB, aminorex, fenetylline, glutethamide, lefetamine, mecloqualone, mesocarb, pemoline, zipeprol, amineptine - <b>Preparation:</b> 1 CD listed above + 1 or more active non-controlled drug(s)	<i>1. In NL, prescriptions for drugs listed in the Schedule of Drugs, Tamper Resistant Prescription Drug Pad Program (TRPDP) must be written on the <b>approved prescription pad.</b></i>	- Refills permitted for written or verbal prescriptions if the prescriber has authorized, in writing or verbally, on the original prescription the number of refills & dates for, or intervals between, refills - May be prescribed to be dispensed in divided portions (part-fills)			- Record prescription sales in a "register", except those of Preparations - Sales of Preparations must be recorded when an emergency supply is provided to another pharmacist	- In writing, signed & dated by pharmacist - Electronically (using ID code), but written confirmation must be received by supplier within 5 working days of order being filled	- Prescriptions for narcotics, controlled drugs & preparations of either may be filed together, but must be separated from all other prescriptions  - A pharmacist must retain for a period of 2 years all records required to be kept by the <i>Narcotic Control Regulations, Controlled Drugs &amp; Substances Regulations, Targeted Substances Regulations</i> (e.g., records of sales, purchases, transfers, etc.)
<b>Controlled Drug Part II</b>	- Barbiturates (except pentobarbital, secobarbital), thiobarbiturates, chlorphentermine, diethylpropion, phentermine, butorphanol, nalbuphine, pyrovalerone - <b>Preparation:</b> 1 CD listed above + 1 or more active non-controlled drug(s)	<i>2. In NL, as per NLPB Standards of Pharmacy Practice regarding faxed prescriptions. <b>Faxed prescriptions for TRPDP drugs must be written on the approved prescription pad.</b></i>			- Record receipt in a manner that permits an audit to be made; form not specified (except for emergency supply - record as above)	- Prescription sales need not be recorded in a "register", except when an emergency supply is provided to another pharmacist	- In writing, signed & dated by pharmacist - Electronically (using ID) - Verbally For electronic or verbal orders, written confirmation must be received by supplier within 5 working days of order being filled.	
<b>Controlled Drug Part III</b>	- Anabolic steroids & their derivatives - Zeranol	<i>3. In NL, prescriptions for TRPDP Program drugs may <b>not</b> be accepted verbally.</i>						- In NL, pharmacists must abide by NLPB <i>Standards of Pharmacy Practice</i> for the Security/Accountability of Narcotics & Controlled Drugs (record keeping procedures, inventory control, etc.)
<b>Benzodiazepines &amp; Targeted Substances (BZP/TS)</b>	- Class 1: Benzodiazepines & their salts and derivatives - Class 2	<i>4. In NL, as per NLPB Standards of Pharmacy Practice regarding supply of exempted codeine products.</i>	- Refills permitted for written or verbal prescriptions if the prescriber has authorized, in writing or verbally on the original prescription, the number of refills	- Prescription may be transferred to another pharmacist - Prescriptions for BZP/TS may be transferred <b>only once</b>	- Record receipt; form not specified	- Prescription sales need not be recorded in a "register" - Pharmacists must keep a hard copy of the order for all sales without a prescription	- In writing, signed by pharmacist - Electronically (using ID) - Verbally (record keeping by supplier required)	
<b>Schedule F Drug</b>	- All drugs in Schedule F of the Regulations to the <i>Food &amp; Drugs Act</i>				- Record of purchases not required	- sales need not be recorded in a "register"	- May be ordered by written or verbal means or electronically	<i>Compiled by: Wanda Spurrell, MUN School of Pharmacy Reviewed Jan 2011</i>