



Promoting the appropriate use,
and reducing the abuse and misuse of monitored drugs in Nova Scotia.

Important Information for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Teams

The Nova Scotia Generic HCN Should Not Be Used

Please be advised, effective immediately, the Nova Scotia Generic (NSG) Health Card Number (HCN) should not be used. Please ensure the NSG HCN, 0011984275, is not in the patient's file, (a review of the PMP Plan Tab may be necessary).

If a patient does not have a valid Canadian Health Card (or equivalent) and/or is from out of country, please refer to your pharmacy software vendor's support process for direction.

The chart below shows Canadian Health Card formats. The Cardholder Identity must match the HCN Type.

Province	Health Card Number	Cardholder Identity	Comments
Alberta	9 Digits	AB	
British Columbia	10 Digits	BC	Begins with "9"
Manitoba	9 Digits	MB	
New Brunswick	9 Digits	NB	
Newfoundland	12 Digits	NL	
Nova Scotia	10 Digits	NS	
Nunavut	9 Digits	NU	
NWT	1 Letter + 7 Digits	NT	
Ontario	10 Digits	ON	Numbers only, no letters
PEI	8 Digits	PE	
Quebec	4 Letters + 8 Digits	QC	First 3 letters of last name and first letter of first name
Saskatchewan	9 Digits	SK	
Yukon	9 Digits	YT	
Canadian Forces	1 Letter + 8 Digits	CF	Begins with "M"
RCMP	1 Letter + 8 Digits	RCMP	Begins with "R"
Veterans Affairs	1 Letter + 7 Digits	VAC	Begins with "K"
NSOU	0011984283	NSOU	For Office use Rx's

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