

Drug Shortage Quantity Restrictions List

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The Minister may specify quantity restrictions for drugs designated on the “Drug Shortage Quantity Restrictions List.”

Drugs on this list are:

- In shortage and designated as a Tier 3 shortage, as defined by the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee Protocol on Notification of Drug Shortages; OR
- Listed as a designated drug under the Federal Interim Order Respecting Drugs, Medical Devices and Foods for a Special Dietary Purpose in relation to COVID-19; AND
- Reviewed and approved by the COVID-19 Drug Shortage Working Group.

Pharmacists may only dispense a ONE MONTH supply (to a maximum of 35 days) of drugs on this list per client in a 28 day period.

Tier 3 shortages are those that have the greatest potential impact on Canada's drug supply and health care system. Impact is based on low availability of alternative supplies, ingredients or therapies.

Drug (Active Ingredient)	Quantity Restrictions	Used in the Treatment of COVID-19 and/or Related Conditions
Abatacept solution for subcutaneous injection	One Month	No
Aminophylline	One Month	No
Apomorphine Hydrochloride	One Month	No
Argatroban for Injection	One Month	No
Bupivacaine	One Month	No
Bupivacaine with Epinephrine	One Month	No
Calcium Chloride Injection	One Month	No
Carbamazepine Controlled Release tablets	One Month	No
Cholestyramine	One Month	No
Cisatracurium	One Month	No
Colesevelam	One Month	No
Colestipol	One Month	No
Dextrose Injection	One Month	No
Eluxadoline – Viberzi	One Month	No
Epinephrine injection 1 mg/10 mL pre-filled syringes	One Month	No
Glucagon for Injection, rDNA origin	One Month	No
Loxapine hydrochloride; Loxapine succinate	One Month	No

Mepivacaine hydrochloride injection, 20 mg/mL	One Month	No
Potassium Chloride for Injection	One Month	No
Prazosin 1 mg, 2 mg, 5 mg Tablets	One Month	No
Tamsulosin Hydrochloride	One Month	No
Thiamine Hydrochloride, 100 MG/ML	One Month	No