

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
Alcaine - Proparacaine Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution	One Month	No
Aldesleukin	One Month	No
Apomorphine Hydrochloride	One Month	No
Cholestyramine	One Month	No
Colesevelam	One Month	No
Colestipol	One Month	No
Dextrose Injection	One Month	No
Docetaxel 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
Hydroxocobalamin Powder for Infusion	One Month	No
Idarubicin	One Month	No
Isoniazid oral solution	One Month	No
Lithium Carbonate	One Month	No
Lomustine	One Month	No
Methotrexate Preservative Free	One Month	No

Oncaspar – Pegaspargase	One Month	No
Pantoprazole Sodium for Injection	One Month	No
Peginterferon Alfa-2A	One Month	No
Salbutamol	One Month	No
Tamsulosin Hydrochloride	One Month	No