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AT A GLANCE: Changes to Injection Authority

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The Ministry of Health has approved changes to *Ontario Regulation 256/24* under the Pharmacy Act, 1991, that impact pharmacy professionals' scope of practice. The table below helps pharmacy professionals understand changes to injection authority and new CPR & first aid certification requirements.

REGISTRANT TYPE	CURRENT ENVIRONMENT	AS OF MARCH 31, 2027
Pharmacists - Part A	Authorized to administer all Schedule 3 vaccines Must register injection training with the College and keep CPR & first aid certification up to date	Same as current environment
Interns - Pharmacist	Authorized to administer all Schedule 3 vaccines Must register injection training with the College and keep CPR & first aid certification up to date	Same as current environment
Pharmacy Technicians - Part A *Before administration, the patient must be assessed by a pharmacist to determine the therapeutic appropriateness of the vaccine.*	Authorized to administer all Schedule 3 vaccines Must register injection training with the College Must be *supervised by* a pharmacist or another healthcare professional who has CPR & first aid certification	**NEW** Now must have CPR & first aid certification to administer any Schedule 3 vaccine Must continue to register injection training with the College
Intern Technicians *Before administration, the patient must be assessed by a pharmacist to determine the therapeutic appropriateness of the vaccine.*	Authorized to administer all Schedule 3 vaccines Must register injection training with the College Must be *supervised by* a pharmacist or another healthcare professional who has CPR & first aid certification	**NEW** Now must have CPR & first aid certification to administer any Schedule 3 vaccine Must continue to register injection training with the College

Students enrolled in an educational program to become a pharmacist or pharmacy technician can perform the injections for their respective roles in accordance with the Supervision of Pharmacy Personnel Policy. Individuals practicing under As of Right rules have the same injection authority as pharmacists or pharmacy technicians.

The administration of tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, pneumococcal, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and herpes zoster (shingles) vaccines by pharmacy professionals will be publicly funded for eligible adults in Ontario. Details will be on Ontario.ca when available, including how to access these publicly funded vaccines. Details also will be shared directly with pharmacies when available.

Availability of Services: *Providing these services is a choice, not a requirement. Each pharmacy professional practices with professional autonomy. To ensure safe patient care, Designated Managers must assess whether their pharmacy can provide this service while continuing to meet the Standards of Operation for Pharmacies. Patients should speak to their pharmacy team to find out what healthcare services they offer, how to access those services, and whether they are right for their needs.*