The Pharmacy Network

The Pharmacy Network is a system that holds a record of your medications and other clinically relevant information, and links all connected pharmacies in the province. Because it holds drug information from all pharmacies that fill your prescriptions, it helps pharmacists better identify potential adverse drug interactions and side effects. It also helps them ensure you get the most benefit from your medications. This means improved health care for you.

Information in the Pharmacy Network will also help plan and manage the provincial health system to better meet our needs. In some instances, it may also be used for research. Identifying details, such as your name, are removed where appropriate before information is used for purposes other than your health care. The Pharmacy Network does not contain your entire health record; only your medication-related information.

Don’t forget to bring your MCP number with you when filling a prescription. It will help the pharmacist to quickly find your information.

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The Pharmacy Network
Providing better medication care through enhanced electronic information.
Improving Health Care

Connecting all pharmacies in Newfoundland and Labrador to the Pharmacy Network means improved health care for you. It means that no matter which pharmacy in the province you use, authorized health care providers and those authorized under the Provincial Health Information Act (PHIA) can view the medications you are taking. This makes it easier and quicker for your health care provider to see potential problems with your medications such as possible side effects or harmful drug interactions. This means improved patient safety.

Private and Secure

The Pharmacy Network is designed with strong security features. It has many safeguards to protect your medication information. Only authorized health professionals are granted access to the system and only those professionals involved in your care and those authorized under the Provincial Health Information Act (PHIA) are allowed to access your profile. It keeps a record of each time a medication profile is viewed. You can ask to see that record. You can also ask to see a copy of your medication profile. If you notice any inaccurate details in your record, there are steps you can take to request to have it corrected.

Some individuals may want more privacy. If you do, you can get a password to mask or hide your information. This lets you control who sees your medication record, but may lead to delays in accessing your profile at the point of care. Your masked profile can be accessed in an emergency.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information designs and implements secure information systems for connecting and sharing health information, including the provincial electronic health record, HEALTHe NL, and its components. The Pharmacy Network is a key component of HEALTHe NL.

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