

E-Prescribing is available through the DIS Portal. All community pharmacies in Nova Scotia are connected to the **Drug Information System** (DIS) and are able to view and fill all e-Prescriptions. Details on how to e-Prescribe in the DIS portal can be found in the [DIS Portal Users Guide](#) and through the “?” icon in the DIS Portal.

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### Is an e-prescription valid in Nova Scotia?

Yes, the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists’ *Standards of Practice: General Pharmacy Practice* defines a **valid e-prescription** as one originating from the DIS. Please refer to their website ([www.nspharmacists.ca](http://www.nspharmacists.ca)) for more information.

### Can prescriptions for NSPMP monitored drugs be e-Prescribed?

Yes, the Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Program (NSPMP) allows e-Prescriptions for monitored drugs. These prescriptions do not have to be written on duplicate pads.

### Can any pharmacy in Nova Scotia fill an e-prescription?

Yes, e-prescribing is live and available to **all pharmacies** in Nova Scotia through the Drug Information System.

### If I created an e-Prescription for a patient, what do I tell them?

Tell your patient that a prescription has been electronically created in the Drug Information System. They can call or go to their pharmacy and let them know a prescription is available in the DIS. All pharmacies in the province can retrieve and dispense and e-Prescription.

### What do I do if a pharmacy is requesting a written prescription for a prescription that I have e-Prescribed?

The e-Prescription is a valid prescription and the pharmacy can fill the e-Prescription, so you do not need to provide the patient or the pharmacy with a written prescription if you have created an e-Prescription. If a pharmacy is concerned, they should contact their software provider for direction on how to retrieve and fill an e-Prescription.

### I have previously prescribed a medication for my patient, and that prescription is in the DIS. Is there an easy way to e-Prescribe the same medication?

Yes, you can view a previously prescribed medication in the DIS and “Renew” the medication. This will create a copy of the previous prescription information and allow you to modify the information and create a new e-Prescription.

### I am changing my patient’s medication. The patient still has remaining refills of the old medication. Do I have to call the pharmacy to get these stopped?

No, you can update the status on the medication in the DIS by viewing the medication and choosing to “abort” [stop] the prescription. Once you have done this, the pharmacy will not be able to dispense against the aborted medication.