



Prescriptions

Standards of Practice of the Yukon Medical Council (“the Council”) are the minimum standards of professional behavior and ethical conduct expected of all physicians registered in the Yukon. Standards of Practice will be referenced in the management of complaints and in discipline.

- (1) When faxing a prescription, a physician must ensure that the prescription is sent directly from a secure fax machine to the patient’s pharmacy of choice.
- (2) The physician must be able to verify the source of the faxed prescription for the pharmacist.
- (3) The prescription must be legible and include all the legal requirements of a prescription as outlined in federal legislation plus:
 - (a) the physician’s address, fax number and phone number;
 - (b) the time and date of the fax transmission; and
 - (c) the name and fax number of the pharmacy intended to receive the transmission.
- (4) The prescriber must sign the prescription verifying that:
 - (a) the prescription represents the original of the prescription drug order;
 - (b) the addressee is the only intended recipient and there are no others;
 - (c) the original prescription will be invalidated and securely filed or details of the original prescription captured in an electronic medical record including the unique triplicate prescription number;
 - (d) the original prescription will not be transmitted elsewhere at another time; and
 - (e) the prescription is accurate in all respects.
- (5) When faxing [prescriptions for triplicate prescription medications](#), the physician must fax the top copy of the prescription so that the triplicate prescription’s unique number and the physician’s triplicate prescription registration number are included with the transmission.
- (6) A physician must not use pre-printed fax forms that reference a pharmacy, pharmacist, pharmaceutical manufacturer, distributor, agent or broker.
- (7) Computer-generated prescriptions must contain the handwritten signature* of the physician until the federal and provincial governments and professional regulatory bodies approve guidelines to ensure the security of electronically-generated signatures.

* “handwritten signature” may include either pen to paper or stylus to electronic pad. A signature stamp (either physical or electronic) is NOT acceptable for prescriptions.

Terms used in the Standards of Practice:

- *Physician* means any person who is registered or who is required to be registered under the Medical Profession Act.
- *Must* refers to a mandatory requirement.
- *May* means that the physician may exercise reasonable discretion.
- *Patient* includes, where applicable, the patient’s legal guardian or substitute decision maker.