



# Naturopathic Medicine: Clinical Practice Standards & Certifications

HPOA Webinar Series

## Clinical Practice Standard: Naturopathic Medicine Prescribing, Compounding and Dispensing Drugs

### FAQ

**Q:** When did the Clinical Practice Standards come into effect?

**A:** The Clinical Practice Standards came into effect on April 1, 2026.

**Q:** What are some examples of point-of-care administration?

The Clinical Practice Standard: Naturopathic Medicine Prescribing, Compounding and Dispensing Drugs defines “point-of-care administration” as:

**point-of-care administration:** *immediate administration of medication as part of acute treatment at the time of care or as part of a therapeutic procedure performed by the licensee.*

Clinical Practice Standard: Naturopathic Medicine Prescribing, Compounding and Dispensing Drugs, Principle 2.1 states that naturopathic medicine licensees must:

2.1 *Only dispense drugs to their **own** patients for:*  
2.1.1 *point-of-care administration,*

Some examples of point-of-care administration in a naturopathic practice include:

- Intravenous preparations administered in office.
- Injections administered in office.



- Single dose prescription medications administered in office.

## Q: How do I determine if a drug is outside of my scope of practice?

Naturopathic medicine licensees must **not** prescribe medications that fall into the following categories:

- Substances listed in **Schedule IA** of the *BC Drug Schedules Regulation*
- Substances listed in **any schedule** of the federal *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*
- Drugs identified in the **Appendix** of the *Complementary Health Professionals Regulation*
- Drugs or substances excluded under **Appendix A** of the *Clinical Practice Standard: Naturopathic Medicine Prescribing, Compounding and Dispensing Drugs*, including drugs that have been newly approved by Health Canada but are still under review by the College.

## Q: Can I prescribe a drug for myself?

**No.** Clinical Practice Standard: Naturopathic Medicine Prescribing, Compounding and Dispensing Drugs, Principle 1.3 states that naturopathic medicine licensees must:

*1.3 Not prescribe drugs for themselves.*