

# Administration of Substances by Injection or Inhalation

## Suggested Fee Guide

### Description

Vaccines for 19 vaccine preventable diseases can be administered to patients as specified in the [regulations](#).

Also, the administration of certain substances by injection or inhalation can be provided in situations such as for education, demonstration or routine administration to patients who require this service subject to certain limitations as specified in the [regulations](#).

In general, this service should include:

- Patient assessment to ensure administration of the substance is appropriate for the patient
- Obtaining informed consent from the patient
- Appropriate storage of medications and vaccines (e.g., maintenance of cold chain requirements as required)
- Providing a safe and appropriate environment for administration including following infection prevention and control (IPAC) procedures
- Preparation of the substance for administration
- Administration of the substance
- Proper disposal of supplies (e.g., sharps disposal)
- Monitoring within the pharmacy post-administration and follow-up as required
- Documentation and notification of the prescriber and/or primary care provider as required

Examples of what is **NOT** included in this service:

- Administration of publicly funded vaccines
- Medication and vaccine dispensing services
- Home Health Care Supplies/ Device Training
- Patient Consultation and Education Services

(Note: Refer to [OPA's Suggested Fee Guide for Uninsured Clinical and Professional Pharmacy Services](#) for descriptions and more information about the above.)

### Suggested Fee

# \$20<sup>+</sup>

\$20 Professional Service Fee + cost of materials (e.g., ancillary supplies, personal protective equipment, etc.)

This suggested fee is solely reflective of the professional service fee for administration and is independent of the cost of the substance to be administered.

### Rationale

Suggested fee is in alignment with remuneration provided for other publicly funded pharmacy injection services in Ontario as well as insured and uninsured services in other provincial jurisdictions.

It is estimated that this service would require approximately 5-7 minutes of the pharmacy professionals' time.

### Additional Resources

#### Legislative Resources:

- [O. Reg. 256/24 under the Pharmacy Act, 1991](#)

#### OPA Resources:

- [Pharmacy Services Invoice Template](#)
- [Eligible Vaccines and Drug Schedules](#)
- [Patient General Questionnaire and Consent Form](#)
- [Direct Order for Injection Administration Form](#)

#### IPAC Resources:

- [Routine Practices and Additional Precautions in All Health Care Settings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition](#) (Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC))
- [Best Practices for Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization of Medical Equipment/Devices in All Health Care Settings, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition](#) (PIDAC)
- [Best Practices for Hand Hygiene in All Health Care Settings, 4<sup>th</sup> edition](#) (PIDAC)
- [Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections in All Health Care Settings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition](#) (PIDAC)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Practice Topic](#) (OCP)

#### OCP Resources:

- [Administering a Substance by Injection](#)
- [Administering a Substance by Inhalation](#)
- [Schedule 1 of O. Reg. 256/24 Injected Substances by Therapeutic Category](#)
- [Schedule 2 of O. Reg. 256/24 Inhaled Substances by Therapeutic Category](#)
- [Practice Tool: Administering Injections](#)

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