

Community Pharmacies:

Across Saskatchewan, we are *pharmore* than you think...



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Helping patients at home. Expanding health services for our communities.

Saskatchewan communities depend on local pharmacies and pharmacists for access to necessary health care services. Patients count on familiar services such as prescription fulfillment and drug counselling, refills, and emergency prescriptions. Pharmacies are offering services such as prescribing for minor conditions, medication assessments, smoking cessation support. Most recently, pharmacies are providing flu shots, other vaccines and injectable medications.

Each year Saskatchewan pharmacists provide a growing range of patient services:

- Nearly 17,000,000 prescriptions filled
- Nearly 11,500 medication assessments for seniors and other Saskatchewan residents
- 9,000 patients receive pre-assembled pill packs that help individuals take their medications safely
- 16,704 minor ailments services
- 4,600 smoking cessation services
- 356,375 interventions to ensure patients do not have interrupted drug therapy (i.e. prescription renewals, emergency prescriptions, follow up to ensure correct information/dosage, etc.)
- Over 117,000 flu vaccinations have been administered at Saskatchewan pharmacies between October 2017 and March 2018



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Behind the Prescription Counter: *pharmore than pill dispensing!*

Every patient is unique; every patient's needs are served with care and attention to the potential impact and side effects of the prescribed medication. For every patient seeking a prescription, pharmacists act as expert consultants, providing deep knowledge of more than 20,000 medications to ensure the best option for the patient, based on current health status and history.

- We review the medication to make sure that the type of medication will be effective in treating the patient's condition
- We assess the dosage, based on the patient's ability to process the medication through the liver and kidneys, to ensure it is safe
- We check patient history and lifestyle and consider how well the patient will tolerate the type of medication prescribed
- We consult with the patient's prescribing physician as needed to confirm important details about the medication, the dosage, and the course prescribed.

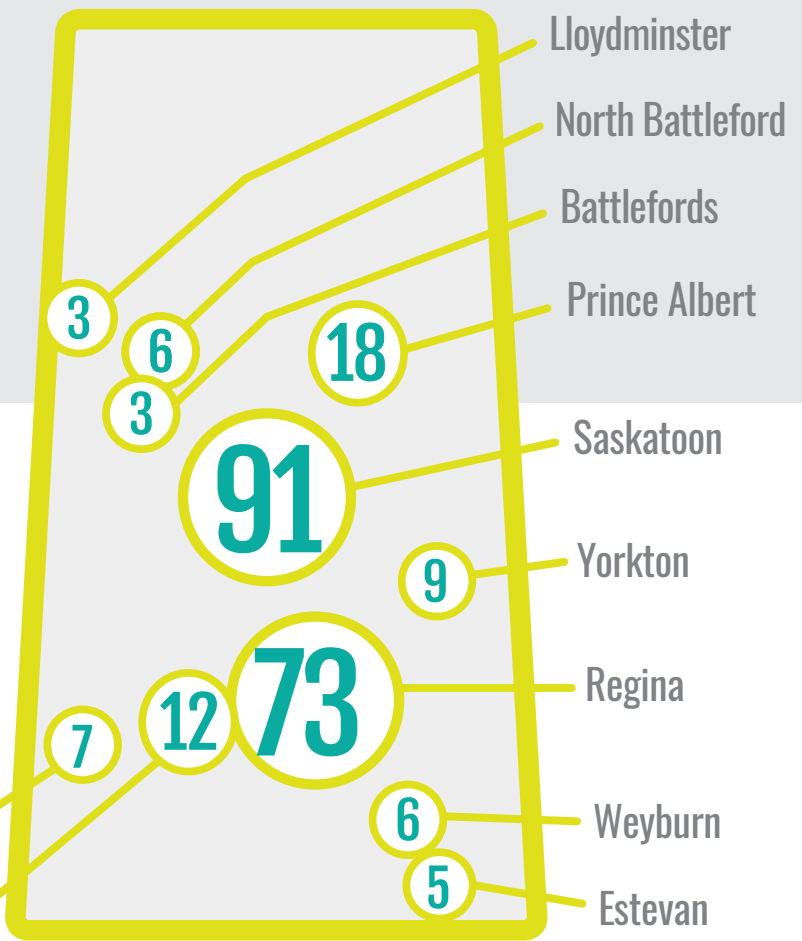
Once the medication is packaged for dispensing, the pharmacist undertakes any billing that may be involved. Many patients are covered by a combination of public, private, and spousal insurance plans, and the pharmacist completes the required—and often complex—billing directly on the patient's behalf. This saves patients from having to obtain reimbursements from health insurance providers.

Pharmacies extend health care access to nearly every corner of the province.



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