

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.

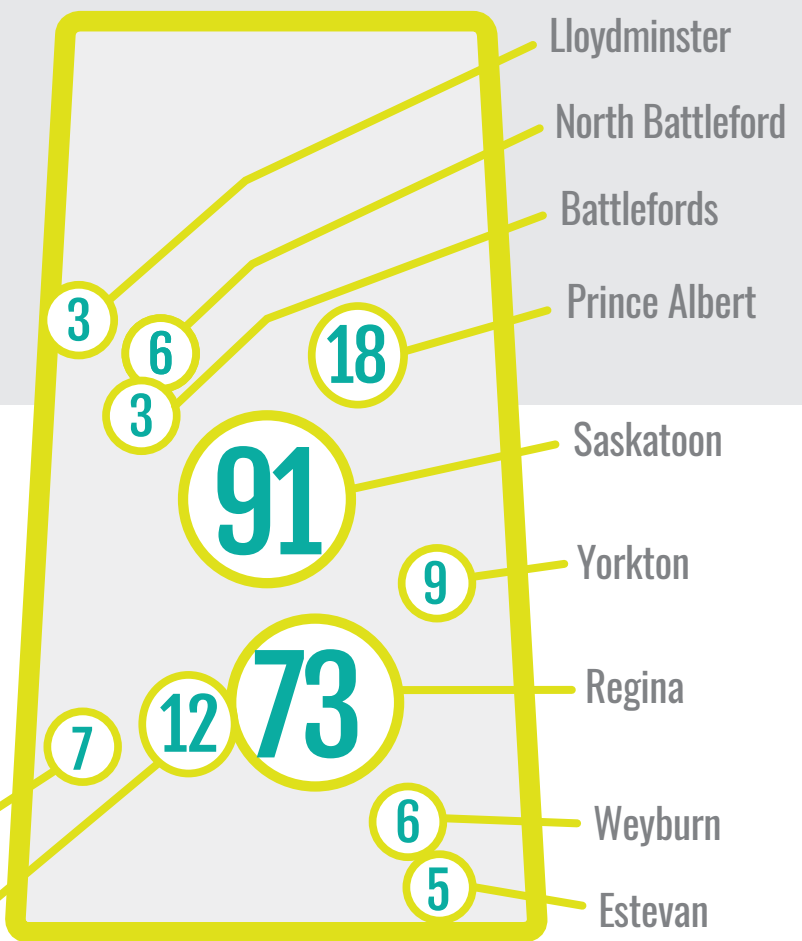
- We review the medication to make sure that the type of medication will be effective in treating the patient's condition
- We assess the dosage, based on the patient's ability to process the medication through the liver and kidneys, to ensure it is safe
- We check patient history and lifestyle and consider 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.

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