

Nurse Practitioner FAQ's

What if I cannot find a drug in NAPRA Schedule ONE?

In Canada, it is Health Canada that determines whether a drug must be sold by prescription only or can be sold over the counter. Once Health Canada classifies a drug as requiring a prescription for sale, these drugs are automatically considered to be in Schedule ONE of the National Drug Schedules (NDS).

NAPRA (National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities) adds most of these drugs to the NDS database. However, it is important to note that there is no automated link between Health Canada's database and NAPRA's database.

If you are unable to find the drug you are looking for in Schedule One of the NAPRA database, you may need to consult Health Canada's Drug Product Database (DPD), which contains the drugs listed in Schedule F of the Food and Drug Regulations.

When a new drug is determined to be compliant to the *Food and Drug Regulations*, it receives its Notice of Compliance (NOC), which is the approval to market. The [Notice of Compliance Database](#) contains a list of drugs that have been issued an NOC.