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Nurse Practitioner FAQ

Does RNANT/NU place restrictions on NP's prescribing medical cannabis?

There are federal regulatory restrictions set in the *New Classes of Practitioners Regulations*, *Narcotic Control regulations* and *Part G of the Food and Drug Regulations* prohibits NPs from prescribing opium, coca leaves and most anabolic steroids (except testosterone).

A NP may prescribe fresh or dried marihuana or cannabis oil if for a person that is under their professional treatment and the substance is required for the condition for which the person is receiving treatment.

The Canadian Nurses Protective Society has an excellent information pamphlet that highlights cautions a NP should take into consideration when preparing to prescribe medical cannabis <https://www.cnps.ca/index.php?page=502#nurse-practitioners>

Your employer may impose other restrictions.