

e-Table 1: Responses of provincial pharmacy regulatory authorities to a survey regarding the selling of prescription data*

Survey item	BC	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	PEI	NS	NL
Pharmacist managers are informed of agreements	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y
Nonmanagement pharmacists are informed of agreements	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N
Have regulations concerning management of data in pharmacy computer systems	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Software vendors and data compilers are required to abide by regulatory authority confidentiality regulations	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N
Patients informed that prescription data sold	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Patient consent needed before prescription data sold	N	Y	Y†	N	N	N	N	N	Y†
Regulatory authority complaint process in place for patients	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Physician informed before prescribing record sold	N	Y	NR	N	Y	N	N	Y	N
Physician consent needed before prescribing record sold	N‡	Y§	Y§	N	N	N	N	Y§	N
Regulatory authority complaint process in place for physicians	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sale of physician-linked prescription data of benefit to the public	Y	Y¶	NR	N	Y**	NR	N	NR	NR

Note: Y = yes; N = no; NR = no response.

*Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut did not complete the survey.

†Only if patient is identified.

‡Release of prescriber identifiers not permitted.

§If prescriber identifiers sold.

¶"Opposed for marketing."

**"With restrictions."