

List of Named Medications & Drug Classifications used on the COPR Canadian Paramedic Competence Framework (CPCF) Examinations

Summary

This document outlines the list of medication names and drug classifications for use on the COPR CPCF examinations for the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Primary Care Paramedic (PCP), and Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) designations.

The list of medication names and drug classifications are not intended to define scope of practice or serve as a curriculum guide.

Background and Rationale

Medication scope, naming conventions, and availability vary across Canadian jurisdictions, creating challenges for consistent national exam content. To address these issues and ensure alignment with the CPCF, COPR has developed a list of medication names and drug classifications, specific to each designation, that will be used on the COPR examinations.

Summary Approach by Designation:

- EMR: No named medications or classifications
 - PCP: Classification-based model; no named medications
 - ACP: Hybrid model; includes classifications and named medications for Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS and PALS) due to high-risk/high-frequency use
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EMR Examination

- **Content:** Will not include named medications or drug classifications.
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PCP Examination

- **Content:** Will include drug classifications only.

- **Approved PCP Drug Classifications:**
 - Antiemetic
 - Antihistamine
 - Anticholinergic bronchodilator
 - Antihypoglycemic hormone
 - Carbohydrate
 - Nonnarcotic analgesic
 - NSAID
 - Opioid antagonist
 - Platelet inhibitor
 - Sympathomimetic
 - Sympathomimetic bronchodilator
 - Vasodilator

 - **Reference:** *Nancy Caroline's Emergency Care in the Streets* (8th ed.).
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ACP Examination

- **Content:** Will include both named medications and drug classifications.

- **Approved ACP Named Medications:**
 - Adenosine
 - Amiodarone
 - Atropine
 - Dopamine
 - Epinephrine
 - Lidocaine
 - Magnesium sulfate

- **References:** *Heart and Stroke Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Provider Manual* (2020) and *Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Provider Manual* (2020).

- **Approved ACP Drug Classifications:**
 - Antiemetic
 - Anticholinergic
 - Anticholinergic bronchodilator
 - Antidysrhythmic
 - Antifibrinolytic
 - Antihistamine
 - Antihypoglycemic
 - Antipyretic
 - Benzodiazepine

- Carbohydrate
 - Electrolyte
 - Endogenous nucleotide
 - Nonnarcotic analgesic
 - NSAID
 - Opioid analgesic
 - Opioid antagonist
 - Platelet inhibitor
 - Steroid
 - Sympathomimetic
 - Sympathomimetic bronchodilator
 - Vasodilator
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Review Cycle

- COPR conducts, at minimum, an annual review of medication names and drug classifications, and provides timely updates to ensure educators can adjust instruction and candidates are adequately prepared for examinations.