Recommended Resources for Reference Library Requirements

1. Current copy of the Acts and Regulations and Drug Schedules (available on SHIRP.ca):
   a) *The Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act*
   b) *The Controlled Drugs & Substances Act,* the *Narcotic Control Regulations,* and *Benzodiazepines and Targeted Substances Regulations*
   c) *The Food and Drugs Act and Regulations*

2. Medical Dictionary:
   a) Blakiston's Gould Medical Dictionary
   b) Dorland's American Illustrated Medical Dictionary
   c) Dorland's American Pocket Medical Dictionary
   d) Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary (available on SHIRP.ca)
   e) Stedman's Medical Dictionary for Health Professions and Nursing

3. Compendium:
   a) CPS – either in paper version or online as CPS (formerly e-CPS) or RxTx2 (formerly e-Therapeutics+) available on SHIRP.ca

4. Drug Interaction Reference:
   a) Lexi-Interact program [PDA, online, or as part of CTC and RxTx (formerly e-Therapeutics) available on SHIRP.ca]
   b) Drug Interaction Facts – by Facts and Comparisons
   c) Evaluations of Drug Interactions – by the American Pharmaceutical Association
   d) Stockleys Drug Interactions

5. Non-prescription Medication/Therapy Guide:
   a) Compendium of Therapeutics for Minor Ailments (CTMA) (formerly Therapeutic Choices for Minor Ailments) AND Compendium of Products for Minor Ailments (CPMA) (formerly Products for Minor Ailments)
   b) RxTx 1 (formerly e-Therapeutic Choices for Minor Ailments) – by Canadian Pharmacists Association
   c) Patient Self-Care AND Compendium of Self-Care Products

6. Drug Therapy Reference:
   a) Compendium of Therapeutic Choices (CTC) (formerly Therapeutics Choices and e-Therapeutics) or RxTx2 (formerly e-Therapeutics+) AND The Merck Manuals Online Medical Library – for Healthcare Professionals as an adjunct CTC - available on SHIRP.ca
   b) Pharmacotherapy: a Pathophysiologic Approach – DiPiro
   c) Pharmacotherapy Handbook – DiPiro
   d) e-Therapeutics - available on SHIRP.ca

7. Professional Journals [Journals can be electronic (online), on PDA or in print]:
   a) A journal to provide updates on professional affairs in pharmacy (one of the following):
      i. *Canadian Pharmacists Journal*
      ii. *Pharmacy Practice*
      iii. *Pharmacist's Letter*
   b) Recommend a second journal relevant to the particular pharmacy practice

8. Natural Products Reference:
   a) Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database available on SHIRP.ca
   b) Lexi-Natural Products on the Lexi-Complete PDA program or Lexi-Online

9. Pregnancy and Lactation Reference:
   a) Drugs in Pregnancy and Lactation (available on SHIRP.ca)
   b) Drugs during Pregnancy and Lactation
   c) Medications and Mothers' Milk
   d) Lexi-Pregnancy and Lactation on the Lexi-Complete PDA program or Lexi-Online

Supportive References: Based on Practice Specificity

10. Pediatrics Reference:
    a) Pediatric Dosage Handbook or Lexi-Pediatrics (on PDA or online)
    b) Harriet Lane Handbook (book, PDA or desktop version)
    c) The HSC Handbook of Pediatrics (book, PDA, or desktop version)

11. Geriatrics Reference:
    a) Geriatric Dosage Handbook
    b) Clinical Handbook of Psychotropic Drugs
    c) Lexi-Comp online (includes Geriatic Lexi-Drugs)
    d) GeriRxFiles (2nd Edition) order form: primary focus is drug therapy for older adults; reference for pharmacies with a large geriatric practice
    e) Merck Manual of Geriatrics – online (recommended adjunct)

12. Websites:
    a) medSask www.medsask.usask.ca
    b) Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacy Professionals (CPDPP) www.usask.ca/cpdpp/
    c) Drug Information Sources - Dalhousie University: https://libraries.dal.ca/hours-locations/kellogg/health-science-resources/drug-information-sources.html
    d) RxFiles - website link is available on SHIRP - https://shirp.usask.ca/
    e) Quackwatch - https://www.quackwatch.org/
    f) Do Bugs Need Drugs? http://www.dobugsneeddrugs.org/ (app available for purchase)
    g) National Library of Medicine https://www.nlm.nih.gov/ Medline/PubMed and MedlinePlus
    h) Cochrane Library - www.cochranelibrary.com/

13. Patient Counselling Reference:
    a) Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties online (CPS) [formerly e-CPS (online)]
    b) MedlinePlus (https://medlineplus.gov/)
    c) Express Scripts (formerly Drug Digest) (https://www.express-scripts.com/medco/consumer/ehealth/druginfo/dlmain.jsp?WC=N)

d) Drug Information Online (https://www.drugs.com/)
e) Mayo Clinic website (http://www.mayoclinic.org/)

NOTE: Lexi-Comp and Skyscape PDA programs contain many references that can be considered substitutes and required references.

PEPID and MICROMEDEX PDA programs contain reference that can only be considered as adjuncts to the required references. They are therefore recommended PDA programs only. See SCPP Regulatory Bylaw section 12 of Part J.

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