



Canada's Drug Agency is seeking 4 individuals to join our Appropriate Use Advisory Committee as members. See section 2.0 below for selection criteria and eligibility. Visit our [website](#) for additional information – all nominations should be submitted by March 30, 2026 using our [online form](#). If you have questions, use our [contact form](#) to submit an inquiry.

The Role of Appropriate Use Advisory Committee Members

1.0 About the Appropriate Use Advisory Committee

On September 18, 2025, Canada's Drug Agency (CDA-AMC) launched a strategy to improve the appropriate prescribing and use of prescription medications in Canada. The strategy, titled *A Prescription for Action: A Pan-Canadian Strategy for Advancing the Appropriate Use of Prescription Medications*, provides a 5-year plan for building a collaborative, coordinated, pan-Canadian approach to enhancing the appropriate use of prescription medications in order to improve safety and health outcomes and contribute to health system sustainability. The Appropriate Use Advisory Committee (AUAC) will advise CDA-AMC (herein referred to as "the organization") on actions and initiatives to advance and evolve our Appropriate Use Strategy and program.

2.0 Member Roles and Responsibilities

The role of an AUAC member is to:

- advise and provide recommendations for the organization's Appropriate Use Strategy and program
- identify forward-looking priorities to be addressed by the organization's Appropriate Use resources
- ensure alignment and identify opportunities to decrease duplication of efforts and maximize resources to deliver greater value to the health care systems in Canada
- consider and share insights to support the advancement of appropriate use policies, programs, and activities
- champion the work of the Appropriate Use program to system partners.

2.1 Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, candidates for member roles on AUAC must:

- reside in Canada
- not currently be employed by, or engaged as an advisor or consultant with, any pharmaceutical or related companies
- have experience and/or demonstrated interest in appropriate use
- have experience in committee and/or community work
- not have any unmanageable conflict(s) of interest.



2.2 Qualifications

Members of AUAC shall demonstrate experience in at least 1 of the following areas:

- as a prescriber
- lived or living experience engaging with health care systems in Canada as a patient or family caregiver
- implementation science and/or quality improvement
- health data and/or evaluation and metrics
- government or health policy.

2.3 Selection Criteria

The following criteria are applied when selecting AUAC members:

- availability and a commitment of time to prepare for meetings and participate fully in the committee
- knowledge of, experience with, and an understanding of issues related to appropriate use
- effective communication skills
- a commitment to reconciliation and inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) through demonstrated leadership in fostering an inclusive workplace and/or community that celebrates and amplifies diverse perspectives
- strong principles and ethical standards in both personal and professional behaviour (acting with integrity and transparency, independent of specific interests)
- a commitment to working constructively as a member of a team, respecting the diverse viewpoints and opinions of AUAC members, partners and collaborators, and outside experts
- an ability to gain respect and credibility within a diverse range of partners and collaborators and the wider public.

2.4 Remuneration

Remuneration will be paid to the individual and is subject to deductions for the Canada Pension Plan and income taxes. Members will receive a T4 each year for tax purposes.

Accepting remuneration may impact an individual's eligibility under government-funded programs, such as the Ontario Disability Support Program or similar programs in other provinces or territories.

On appointment, AUAC members are eligible to receive the following:

- \$150 per hour for committee-related work, meetings, and preparation for meetings
- \$75 per hour for travel time to committee meetings
- reimbursement for any reasonable travel costs for AUAC meetings, in accordance with the organization's Travel Policy.



2.5 Time Commitment

Members shall make their best effort to attend all committee meetings.

The anticipated time commitment for AUAC members is up to 4 hours every 2 months. Most meetings are held virtually. Members may be required to travel for 1 or 2 AUAC meetings per year, each of which is expected to be 1 day in duration in addition to travel time. AUAC in-person meetings are primarily held in Toronto.

2.6 Term of Appointment

All members of the committee are required to adhere to the organization's code of conduct and declare any conflict of interest – real, potential, or perceived – that might arise in the course of AUAC business.

Ordinarily, the appointment will be for a period of 3 years. From time to time, term length may vary to best meet operational requirements.

The appointment may be renewed for 1 additional term at the discretion of the president and CEO. There should be no expectation of automatic reappointment.