
Health Canada Special Access Program (SAP)

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The Special Access Program (SAP) provides access to non-marketed drugs for practitioners treating patients with serious or life-threatening conditions when conventional therapies have failed, are unsuitable or unavailable.

A list of products requiring SAP approval is available through the [CBS website](#) (under "Plasma Protein Products" select "List of Special Access Programme Products") or contact the Blood Transfusion Lab.

The physician requesting release of the SAP product is directed to the [Health Canada Therapeutic Products Directorate website](#). Physician prints Request Form (two pages) and completes with all required information, according to the information provided on the website. Physician faxes completed and signed form to the SAP. If request is sent outside the listed SAP regular business hours, physician also calls the after hours service.

The CBS will send the product to the BTL when the release is approved. BTL will notify the physician when the product is available.

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Telephone: 613-941-2108

Mon – Fri 0830 – 1630 EST: call will be answered

After hours: you will be directed to press "0" for connection to the on-call number

Fax: 613-941-3194

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