

List of Drugs for an Urgent Public Health Need

Brand name Medicinal ingredient(s)	Dosage form Strength Route of administration	Foreign identifying code or number	For Information Purposes		
			Foreign regulatory authority/ Foreign country	Canadian jurisdiction notifying for the drug/Date of notification by a public health official	Urgent public health need – Applicable Foreign Authorised Indication (Intended use or purpose of the drug)
Priftin Rifapentine	Tablet 150 mg Oral	0088-2100-24	FDA/USA ¹ Important foreign identified risk information- see footnote below	First Nations and Inuit Health Branch/ February 6, 2026	Tuberculosis crisis – For the treatment of latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) caused by <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> in combination with isoniazid in patients at high risk of progression to TB disease.

¹ Foreign Identified Risk: Rifapentine has been identified by the US FDA as one of the drugs that contains nitrosamine impurities. For more information, please visit the US FDA Web site: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-works-mitigate-shortages-rifampin-and-rifapentine-after-manufacturers-find-nitrosamine>

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Priftin Rifapentine	Tablet 150 mg Oral	0088-2102-24	FDA/USA ¹ Important foreign identified risk information- see footnote below	Public Health Agency of Canada – for use in all jurisdictions/ November 28, 2025	Tuberculosis crisis – For the treatment of latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) caused by <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> in combination with isoniazid in patients at high risk of progression to TB disease.
Rifampin for Injection, USP Rifampin	Powder 600 mg/vial Intravenous	63323-351-20	FDA/USA ¹ Important foreign identified risk information- see footnote below	Public Health Agency of Canada – for use in all jurisdictions/ June 30, 2025	Tuberculosis crisis – Rifampin for injection is indicated in the treatment of all forms of tuberculosis, including the initial treatment and re- treatment of tuberculosis when the drug cannot be taken by mouth. It is also indicated for the treatment of asymptomatic carriers of <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> to eliminate meningococci from the nasopharynx.

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