The process for Canadians to access new medicines is extremely complex and involves several different federal,
provincial, and territorial agencies. It takes two years following approval (732 days) for Canadian patients to get access to a
drug in the public plan, whereas those in the private plan get access to a drug in less than one year (226 days).

### Market Authorization
Health Canada evaluates safety, efficacy and manufacturing quality.

### Pricing Review
The Patented Medicine Prices Review Board (PMPRB) determines ceiling price.

### Pricing Negotiations
The pCPA conducts drug price negotiations on behalf of several jurisdictions.

### Public Reimbursement Analysis
CADTH/INESS conduct health technology assessments and make funding recommendations to public drug plans.

### Review and Decision
Provinces and territories finalize terms and conditions, with significant variability in the time it takes for provinces to make the drug available to patients on their public plans (from 60 days up to 538 days).

### Coverage for Patients
Drug is eligible for coverage in the public/private plan.

### Distribution
Wholesalers and pharmacies get the drug from the manufacturer.

### Access
Patients get access to the life-saving drug.

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