

The Clinical Veterinarian team at UBC is aware that McGill University is again able to provide controlled substances to researchers who hold a current Health Canada exemption that lists McGill as the supplier. Based our understanding, McGill has a backlog of requests for controlled substances and is currently working through the backlog. While CDMV remains an alternate supplier for controlled substances, this entity must be listed as the supplier on a Health Canada exemption in order to purchase controlled substances from them. Only one supplier per drug can be listed on a Health Canada exemption.

Below are three options for researchers who currently have McGill University listed as their supplier:

	Scenario	Solution
A	McGill University is listed as your supplier on an approved, current Health Canada exemption.	You may again place orders through McGill University.
B	McGill University is listed as your supplier on a current exemption. You have recently submitted an amendment to Health Canada to change the supplier to CDMV.	You may still order controlled drugs from McGill University as long as the exemption you hold is current and you have not exceeded the volumes you have been approved for. Once the amendment to change the supplier to CDMV is approved, you may no longer order from McGill and the new supplier will be CDMV.
C	McGill University is listed as your supplier on a current exemption. You have recently submitted an amendment to Health Canada to change the supplier to CDMV. <i>However, you do not want to wait 3-4 months for processing and have not yet received the approval for the new supplier and wish to keep McGill as your supplier.</i>	You may reply to the email that Health Canada (hc.exemption.sc@canada.ca) sent to the submitter of the amendment when it was originally submitted. Request the withdrawal of the amendment. This will allow you to continue using McGill University as your supplier as long as your exemption is current and you have not/will not exceed the total volume of controlled substances approved on the original exemption.

For new applications, or to amend your existing application to change to the new supplier for an *Exemption to Use a Controlled Substance for Scientific Purposes*, please visit [Health Canada](#).

Information for ordering controlled drugs through CDMV with an exemption can be found in the [CDMV How to Order](#) document.