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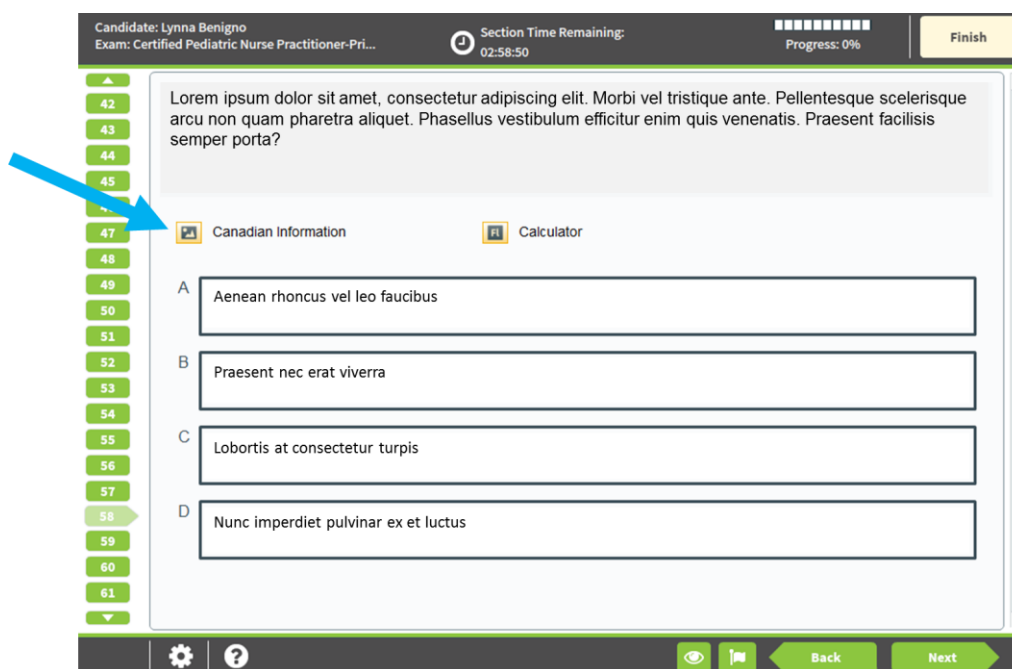
FAQs for Canadian Exam Candidates from Canadian PNP Programs

Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care (CPNP®-PC) Exam

Q: What steps have been taken to make the PNCB’s CPNP-PC exam understandable and fair for graduates of Canadian PNP programs?

A: The PNCB has defined processes which help us to include items on the exam form that are true and accurate for both U.S. and Canadian exam candidates. Additionally, content on any CPNP-PC exam form must meet specifications on the current [test blueprint](#). So that candidates from Canadian PNP programs are not disadvantaged, PNCB has addressed Canadian-specific information such as units of measure and medication names in the following manner:

- Preceding the start of any exam attempt at the testing center, a screen will appear to all exam candidates with a “Special Note”, alerting the reader that a limited number of items on the exam contain special notes or standard international units for candidates graduating from a Canadian academic program. The special notes can be seen by clicking the icon or words “Canadian Information” beneath applicable stems (questions); see mock-up below.
- Any exam candidate can click to view the Canadian information. The information behind the button may address, for example, brand names for medications in Canada if they are different than those in the U.S. (e.g. the generic drug for albuterol in Canada is salbutamol).



Q: Are specimen values listed in U.S. based measurements or in Canadian based measurements? Do we need to know American lab values?

A: Any exam items containing units of measure or lab values utilize the International System of Units (SI). Examples include lab values such as hematocrit and hemoglobin, bilirubin, platelet counts, and basic metabolic profile, etc. Moreover, metric conversions are also included.

Q: Do we need to know specific information about medication dosing, and how much to prescribe?

A: PNCB and its committee of volunteer item writers recognize that the safest PNP practice includes confirming a current dose for a child at the time of prescribing. While we do not expect an exam candidate to memorize all medication dosages, a few questions may address foundational concepts about dosing—see PNCB’s publicly available [sample questions](#) for this exam. Please note that an on-screen calculator is provided to all exam candidates at the testing center.

Q: Do we need to know specific details about U.S. immunization schedules?

A: PNCB and its committee of volunteer item writers recognize how often immunization schedules change. Therefore, the few exam items which may relate to immunizations represent core principles about immunology or safe vaccine use. The PNCB routinely engages with PNP volunteers from Canada who are recommended by the CCRNR; these volunteer subject matter experts confidentially review exam items to ensure that they are understandable and consistent with practice in Canada.

Q: What are the recommended references from which to study?

A: The PNCB recommends using a pediatric textbook you are familiar with and one that focuses on the subject areas covered by the CPNP-PC Content Outline. [Visit our website for a complete listing](#) (note: the PNCB does not endorse nor have any proprietary relationship with any of the listed textbooks or handbooks).

For more information, visit:

PNCB Website, [CPNP-PC Exam Applicants, with Canadian PNP Education—A Guide to Applying & Enrollment](#)

CCRNR Website, [FACT SHEET: Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Exam](#)