

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Vigilance Santé becomes official distributor of AHFS Pharmacologic-Therapeutic Classification System licences in Canada**

**Repentigny, August 1, 2022** – Vigilance Santé is pleased to announce that, after signing an agreement with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), it has become the first official Canadian distributor of licences for the American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS) Classification System.

"This is terrific news," says Andrée-Anne Chevalier, president of Vigilance Santé. "Thanks to this agreement, health care professionals and organizations in Canada and Quebec can now rely on a Canadian provider of AHFS classification numbers. Furthermore, as part of its services, Vigilance Santé will provide the corresponding Canadian Drug Identification Number (DIN) for each AHFS classification number and a French translation for each drug class. Subscribers will also be notified whenever ASHP updates this information. We are proud to be partnering with ASHP, a well-known and respected organization in the North American health care community. This agreement speaks to the expertise Vigilance Santé has developed over the past three decades and our current status within the drug information market in Canada."

The agreement between Vigilance Santé and ASHP guarantees continued access to AHFS classification numbers for health care professionals and organizations in Canada, where there is no standard drug ingredient classification system. Clients who wish to use the AHFS classification will need to contact the sales team to obtain a licence and receive the technical information necessary to retrieve the new records. We encourage you to contact Vigilance Santé without delay.

#### **About Vigilance Santé Inc.**

Established in 1991, Vigilance Santé combines knowledge, intelligence, and technology to empower health care professionals. The company develops IT solutions and databases with the aim of ensuring the safe and optimal use of medications. RxVigilance, its flagship product, already has more than 50,000 users. With monthly updates, the software can be used to look up drug information, perform comprehensive pharmacological profile analyses, access a broad range of patient handouts, and much more. Vigilance Santé's other products include RxPhotos, which hosts a database of over 50,000 photos of pills and their packaging across three services. [www.vigilance.ca](http://www.vigilance.ca)

## **About the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists**

ASHP is the collective voice of pharmacists who serve as patient care providers in hospitals, health systems, ambulatory clinics, and other healthcare settings spanning the full spectrum of medication use. The organization's more than 60,000 members include pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians. For 80 years, ASHP has been at the forefront of efforts to improve medication use and enhance patient safety. To learn more about ASHP Licensing, please click [here](#).

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