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## REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

### **What is a repeat prescription?**

Patients on long-term medications may receive repeat prescriptions for a set period of time, thereby avoiding the need to see a GP each time you need another prescription. Most, but not all regular medications are suitable to go on a repeat prescription.

Your doctor will usually give you your first prescription which will have 2 parts. The GREEN slip is the actual prescription which you give to the pharmacist to obtain your medication. The WHITE side shows the list of drugs you can order as repeat issues, known as a 'repeat prescription'. The repeat prescription also contains the date your doctor has set to review the medication.

- **Medication on a 'repeat prescription' can be ordered by:**
- Ordering your repeat prescription online or via the app for mobile devices. (SystemOnline- patient health management app). The reception team can set up online ordering, they require two forms of identification one of which must be photo ID. Ordering your repeat prescription online allows you to manage your repeat medication in a timely and efficient manner at any time of the day or night.
- Emailing the repeat prescription to [postmaster@gp-i88613.nhs.uk](mailto:postmaster@gp-i88613.nhs.uk)
- Handing in the WHITE side of your prescription marking **only** the medicine you require, to the practice, or your preferred community pharmacy. Most community pharmacies offer a repeat prescription service, please ask them for further information.
- Posting the WHITE side of your prescription to the practice (Please see \* note below. If your nominated pharmacy does not collect from the practice, then please provide a stamped addressed envelope)
- If you have misplaced your WHITE slip, you can complete a blank "repeat prescription request slip" available at reception.
- Requests for medication which are not on your repeat prescription will not be processed automatically, it will have to be referred to your usual GP and someone in the practice may have to contact you for more information.
- We will only issue prescriptions if they are due within 7 days of request, unless a reason is specified why you need your medication early.
- Allow sufficient time to order your repeat medication so that you do not run out. Please do not stock pile medication.
- For safety reasons, the practice does not take repeat prescription request over the phone. Please **DO NOT** telephone.
- The WHITE side of your prescription contains the review date for the medications. Once the review date has been reached an appointment must be made with the surgery.

Please give the practice **48 hours** excluding weekends and bank holidays before collection. *(Please note that this does not include the time for the pharmacy of your choice to dispense the prescription)*

**\* We can arrange for your prescription to be sent electronically to a local community pharmacy of your choice. You will need to nominate a pharmacy.** This can be done via the practice or the pharmacy. However, a few items cannot be sent electronically, these items are printed by us and will need to be collected by yourself or the pharmacy. The rules around controlled drugs have recently changed so that we can now send prescriptions for controlled drugs electronically.

If you have the same medications regularly you would benefit from using **electronic repeat dispensing (eRD)**. Electronic repeat dispensing (eRD) is a convenient, efficient process which means you won't have to re-order or collect your prescriptions from the practice until your next medication review is due. If you are suitable for electronic repeat dispensing (eRD), your GP or prescriber will authorise a number of electronic repeat prescriptions, which will be supplied to your pharmacy at regular intervals. Talk to your GP or prescriber for further information.