

Pharmacy Services

**COMING INTO HOSPITAL? PLEASE
BRING
ALL YOUR MEDICINES WITH
YOU.**

When visiting the hospital as a patient the hospital clinicians will need to have accurate information on the medicines you are taking.

Therefore, it is important that you bring all your medicines with you.

ALL the medicines you have been prescribed by your GP surgery that you have been taking at home. This includes tablets, capsules, syrups, inhalers, eye/ear drops, creams, ointments, contraceptive pills, patches, injections. You should also bring in any herbal / homeopathic remedies and medicines brought 'over the counter' that you regularly use.

Please bring your medicines in their original boxes / bottles, with the pharmacy label on. Do not bring in strips of tablets.

If you use a tablet organiser / box please bring it with you, including the details of who normally fills it for you.

Please bring your 'repeat prescription' sheet from your GP. You will need to inform the nurse, doctor or pharmacy team if any of your medicines have been changed, or if you don't take them any longer.

On arrival to the ward the nurses will put all your medicines in the locker by your bed to keep them safe. This will be kept locked at all times and your medicines will be used by the nursing staff when they give you your medication.

During your stay in the hospital various members of the Pharmacy Department, whose role it is to ensure your medication is appropriate, may visit you on a daily basis.

The Pharmacy team are:

- **Pharmacist and / or Pharmacy Technician** - they will compile and record the list of all medicines you take at home, then look at your hospital drug prescription to ensure that your medicines are prescribed correctly, appropriately and there are sufficient supplies.

They will also be available to discuss and give advice regarding your medication, if required.

1. Your medicines will be available to assist clinicians in knowing which medicines you take
2. It ensures that your medicine/s will be available when required, so they can be given on time and you do not miss any doses
3. It allows you to continue with your own tablets, eye drops and other treatment/s which you will be familiar with and helps to avoid unnecessary waste.
4. There should be less confusion at discharge, as you will only take home your current prescribed medication (together with any new items prescribed by the hospital).
5. Can help to speed your discharge from hospital as all your medication may be available in the bedside locker ready for you to take home
6. If you would like to self-administer your own medicines whilst in hospital please discuss this with your nurse and pharmacy team

If you are prescribed a new drug a minimum supply of fourteen days medication (or appropriate quantity) will be issued for you. If you are prescribed a short course of medication, e.g. antibiotics or steroids, the correct quantity to enable you to complete the course will be supplied.

If your original supply is running low the hospital will make further supplies for you, unless the drug is not stocked in the hospital. If this is the case we will issue a suitable alternative drug. However if you are coming in for a planned procedure, please can you ensure you re-order your regular medicines as normal so you have plenty on your return home.

When you are ready to go home **unless you have further supplies at home** you will be given a minimum of 7 days supply of all the medicines you will need. Your own medication will be returned to you in full, unless it has been discontinued. If you are prescribed a short course of medication, e.g. antibiotics or steroids, the correct quantity to enable you to complete the course will be supplied.

The hospital will send a letter to your GP to communicate any medication started, stopped or changed during your stay. Continue to order further supplies in your usual way from your GP. We may also ask your consent to contact your community pharmacy who can provide further advice and assistance with any changes to your medicines.

If you have any further admissions into hospital: Please bring all your medicines with you in their original containers.

If you have any questions please speak to your nurse, pharmacist or pharmacy technician.
If you would like this information
in large print, Braille, alternative
format or in a different language