

Repeat Dispensing Scheme

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What is the repeat dispensing scheme?

Repeat dispensing scheme is when patients are given 6 months of medication (this will be for repeat medications) whereby you as the patient will choose a designated pharmacy for your prescription to be dispensed. This scheme has been put in to place by the health authority to reduce wastage of medication.

How does it work?

The 6 month prescription is given to the pharmacist, the pharmacist, the pharmacist then dispenses your medication on a monthly basis for the next 6 months.

What happens when my 6 months has

finished? Once your 6 monthly prescriptions are finished at the pharmacy you will need to put in another request of your medication, alternatively you can arrange for your pharmacist to put in another request for you, bearing in mind **it takes 1 week to process your prescription** as you may need a review.

What is the procedure if I am on the repeat dispensing scheme?

You need to collect your medication from the pharmacist 2 days before it runs out, this means you will not need to come to the surgery.

What is the procedure if I am not on the repeat dispensing scheme?

You are required to put in a request for your medication; either at the surgery or via our website www.woodgrangemedicalpractice.co.uk on a monthly basis, you will then need to collect your prescription after two working days (48 hours). Once you have collected your prescription you will then need to take it to the pharmacy for it to be dispensed.

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What are the advantages of the Repeat Dispensing Scheme?

The advantages of the repeat dispensing scheme is that it saves you a lot of time. When your medication has almost finished; you go back to the pharmacy and obtain more.

Other information

- ❖ Only with the Doctors or the Nurse Practitioners agreement will you be able to obtain another batch of your medication for the following 6 months.
- ❖ From time to time you may be asked to see or speak to a doctor or a Nurse Practitioner for a review of your medication. This is to establish whether the current medication is suitable for your needs.
- ❖ If you pay for your medication you can obtain a prepayment certificate from the pharmacy which will reduce the amount you have to pay and will save you money in the long run, you will also be able to receive any additional medication for FREE! The cost for a prepayment certificate at the present time is £28.25 for 3 months and £104 for 12 months, this may vary. Please speak to your local pharmacy for more information.
- ❖ If you go abroad, you are only allowed up to 3 months of your medication, anything above this time you are required to buy them. This is NHS regulations.

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