***New service available this SUMMER!***

Electronic Repeat Dispensing (eRD)

**What is electronic repeat dispensing?** Electronic repeat dispensing (eRD) is a process that allows patients to obtain repeated supplies of their medication without the need for the prescriber to hand sign authorised repeat prescriptions each time. This allows the GP to authorise and issue a batch of repeat prescriptions until the patients’ medication needs to be reviewed. The prescriptions are then available at specified intervals and your nominated pharmacy can download and dispense.

The first issue of an electronic repeat dispensing prescription is downloaded from the NHS spine in the same way as other EPS prescriptions. Community Pharmacy will ask you a set of 4 questions at the point of collecting your prescription.

This process is repeated 6 times or until all prescriptions have been dispensed; At this point an appointment will be required for routine medication review, bloods or blood pressure reading at your GP surgery.

**Who is suitable for Electronic repeat Dispensing?** Any patient suitable for repeat prescription could be suitable for electronic repeat dispensing. This includes, but is not limited to, patients:

* **On stable therapy**
* **With long term conditions**
* **On multiple therapies**
* **That can appropriately self-manage seasonal conditions.**

Whilst all the above patient groups are suitable for electronic repeat dispensing additional criteria has been set and these will be reviewed by your GP.

**How to sign up?** Speak with your doctor or prescription clerk to ask if electronic repeat dispensing would work for you**.**

**To be eligible you need to:**

* **Have no changes in medication in the last 6 months**
* **Medication set up with the correct dosage instructions**
* **Medication set up for 28 days of treatment**
* **Is the medication requested monthly?**

**What are the benefits?** You can collect your prescription without the need to order from the surgery. Monthly medication use reviews at every point of a prescription collection.

**Is patient consent required?** Yes, repeat dispensing requires the patient to consent to the introduction of two-way sharing of their information between the dispensing and prescribing site. The patient should be asked to consent, but written consent is not required.

**Additional information**: If you currently don’t use the Electronic Prescription Service and you are suitable for Electronic Repeat Dispensing you will need to nominate a community pharmacy straight away.

Vision for the future: Order prescriptions on line through GP online services; Prescriptions to be sent electronically to the nominated community pharmacy. If you currently use the 2 named services then **why not** ask your GP surgery if you are suitable for eRD**?**

<https://nhs.uk/services/electronic-prescription-service/electronic-repeat-dispensing-for-prescribers#section-4>