



What is Repeat Dispensing?

It is an alternative way of getting your regular medicines without asking your GP surgery for a prescription each time.

Benefits of Repeat Dispensing:-

Saving Time – there is no need to attend or contact your GP surgery to request your medication; you just need to attend or contact your chosen pharmacy.

Improved Safety – Repeat dispensing involves regular medication usage checks to ensure you understand how to take your regular medication.

Do I have to use the same pharmacy?

Yes - you need to return to your chosen pharmacy to get each issue of your Repeat Dispensing prescription.



How does Repeat Dispensing work?

- 1 Your GP surgery will issue a Repeat Dispensing prescription. This will authorise your pharmacy to dispense prescriptions for between three and twelve months, in total.
- 2 Take your Repeat Dispensing prescriptions to your chosen pharmacy. It is recommended that you let your pharmacy look after all your Repeat Dispensing forms. The pharmacy will inform your surgery that you will get your medication from them.
- 3 Your chosen pharmacy will supply your first batch of medicines. They will discuss arrangements for future collections with you –including what to do if your next issue falls on a Bank Holiday, or you are away on holiday.
- 4 Return to your chosen pharmacy, to collect your next prescription. You will be reminded when you need to contact your GP surgery for review.

Will anyone keep a check on my medicines?

- 1 Yes, each time your repeat medicines are dispensed your pharmacist will check that they are still helping you. Let them know if you have any problems or worries.
- 2 Your pharmacist will ask which medication you need. Only ask for medication you need until your next collection.
- 3 It may be necessary to go back to the old way of getting your prescriptions if there are many changes (e.g. after a hospital check-up).



Patient agreement to sharing information form-

Patient name

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Patient address

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I am the patient named above. My doctor or member of the practice staff has explained repeat dispensing to me.

I agree to the exchange of information about my medication or treatment between my GP practice and my Pharmacist as part of the repeat dispensing arrangements.

Patient's signature:

Date:

Patients telephone number:

Chosen Pharmacy Details:

Please return to your GP practice.

GP Practice Name

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GP Practice address

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What do I do when my Repeat Dispensing forms run out?

You should return to your GP surgery for a further issue. When you are due for the last issue of a batch - please check with the surgery, to see if you need any tests or a medication review.

Do I need to sign anything?

You will be asked to give your consent to allow your pharmacy and surgery to exchange information about your treatment. All information you give is confidential. Your verbal consent will be recorded on your notes at your GP surgery.
Don't forget that you, or your representative, must sign the back of your Repeat Dispensing prescriptions. If you don't pay for your prescriptions for any reason other than age, then your pharmacy will need to see proof of exemption. If you pay for prescriptions you will need to pay when you collect from your pharmacy.

Repeat Dispensing

An alternative way to get your Repeat Prescriptions

1. Do you want to save time?
2. Has your regular medication stayed the same for the last six months?
3. Was your last hospital stay more than six months ago?

If you have answered **YES** to **ALL** the above questions please read overleaf

(If unsure please speak to reception or your community pharmacist).

