

Patient information – Please detach and read

What is the Batch Prescriptions Service?

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

What are the benefits for me?

Saves you time: Instead of going to the surgery or ordering via the internet, your prescription will be waiting for you at your nominated pharmacy every month (*or every two months if you pay for your prescriptions*).

Improved safety: Your pharmacist will check that all of your medicines are still being used; whether you are having any side effects; and if you have seen any other health professionals since your last prescription and will notify your GP of any concerns you may have about your medicines.

How does the Batch Prescription Service work?

- Your GP will raise a batch of prescriptions (*between 3 and 12 months depending on how often you need additional monitoring such as blood tests etc...*) and send them, **electronically**, to your nominated pharmacy.
- Your pharmacy will supply you with your first batch of medicines and they will discuss arrangements for future collections with you, including what to do if your next issue is on a Bank Holiday or if you are away on holiday etc...
- Collect your medicines from your nominated pharmacy every month (*or agreed frequency*) until the batch of prescriptions have run out.
- Your pharmacy will inform you, before your last issue, what you need to do before your next batch will be provided. (*For example: have your blood pressure checked (often the pharmacy can do this for you) or have a blood test carried out or if you need to make a routine appointment to see your GP for a medicines review*)

Will anyone keep a check on my medicines?

Yes. Each time your medicines are dispensed, your pharmacist will check that you are still getting benefit from them. Let them know if you have any concerns or worries.

Your pharmacist will ask which medications you need. Only ask for those that you will need before your next collection is due (i.e. for the next 28-days)

Do I have to sign anything?

If you have already nominated a pharmacy for electronic prescribing then you won't have to sign another form. However, if you normally collect your prescription from the surgery, you will have to fill in a form to nominate a pharmacy and give consent for the surgery to share your prescription information directly with the pharmacy. You can give consent by completing information on the back page of this leaflet and giving it to either your surgery reception or directly to your nominated pharmacy.

Don't forget that if you are exempt from paying for your prescriptions, or have a prepayment certificate, to bring proof with you to your pharmacy. If you are exempt because of your age (under 16 or over 60) there is no need to bring proof of exemption.

Do I have to use the Batch Prescription Service?

No - talk to your pharmacist or someone at the surgery if you would like to continue getting your prescriptions in the way you do at the moment.

This video explains to patients how repeat dispensing works and the benefits it offers to patients

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6X7yvKBtUF8>

Please fill in and return to St Lukes and Botley Surgeries



I would like to be considered for Batch Prescription Service

Where did you hear about the service (please tick one):

- Practice reception staff
- Prescriber consultation
- Surgery phone line
- Note on repeat order form
- Email/phone call
- Other (please specify).....
- Poster in surgery
- Surgery website,
- Patient Participation Group,
- Surgery Website
- Local pharmacy

Your name (print)	
Your signature	
Your date of birth	
Name of your preferred pharmacy (please tick)	<input type="radio"/> St Lukes Pharmacy <input type="radio"/> Rowlands Pharmacy <input type="radio"/> Lloyds Pharmacy in Sainsbury's <input type="radio"/> David Fogg Pharmacy <input type="radio"/> Everetts Pharmacy, Hedge End <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify).....
Do you pay for your prescriptions? (yes/no)	
Today's date	

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Batch Prescriptions from your pharmacy

No need to order your repeat medication from the surgery!

- Do you want to save time?
- Has your regular medication stayed the same for at least 6 months
- Was your last hospital stay at least 6 months ago?

If you have answered **YES** to ALL of the above questions please sign and hand in this form to the reception desk. Read the overleaf for more information.