

## Repeat Prescriptions

It is our policy that if at all possible, patients make an appointment for all prescription medications.

All prescriptions, including repeat prescriptions, are best provided face to face at consultation to ensure patient safety.

This enables your doctor to do the following:

- Review your medical record
- Confirm correct patient details, medication and dose
- Confirm if the medication is still required, if a dose adjustment is required or if any special monitoring is necessary

Your doctor may also need to consider whether a special government authority is required, or special government regulations regarding the medication or other health matters affecting decisions about the medication be provided.

### **Provision of medication**

You are encouraged to arrange provision of future prescription/medication needs during routine consultations with your doctor.

If you are unable to make an appointment for a repeat prescription, the doctor is still required to review and maintain your medical record and will charge a fee for their professional time spent and costs incurred. They may also refuse the request for a prescription without consultation.

### **Without consultation**

For prescriptions provided without consultation, we do request at least 48 hours notice, and a fee of \$20 is to be paid.

Exceptions will not generally be made by doctors for drugs of dependence such as narcotics, benzodiazepines and other sedatives. Examples include:

- Panadeine Forte, Endone, Oxycodone, Targin, MS Contin
- Diazepam/Valium, Oxazepam/Serepax, Temazepam, Stilnox.