

Benefits for GP practice staff



LESS TIME SIGNING PRESCRIPTIONS

Sign individual or multiple prescriptions electronically, there is no need to sign by hand.

GREATER CONTROL OF THE PRESCRIPTION

Prescriptions can be cancelled at any time until they have been dispensed; replacements can be sent electronically.

LESS TIME DEALING WITH PRESCRIPTION QUERIES

Standardised prescription information will reduce queries from dispensers.

Improved prescription accuracy leads to a reduction in the likelihood of patients receiving the wrong medication.

Electronic prescriptions cannot be lost, reducing the risk of duplicate prescriptions being generated.

PROCESS REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS MORE EFFICIENTLY

No need to issue, sort and file prescriptions into pigeon holes for prescribers to hand sign as they are allocated and signed electronically.

Moving patients onto electronic repeat dispensing will further reduce workload associated with issuing and re-authorising repeat prescriptions.

Electronic prescriptions are sent straight to the dispenser of the patient's choice. This will result in a reduction in footfall in reception as patients won't be visiting to collect prescriptions.

No need to post prescriptions, saving time and eliminating the risk of prescriptions being lost in the post.

LESS TIME PREPARING FOR PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION SERVICES

No need to prepare and sort prescriptions ready for pharmacies to collect, as prescriptions are sent electronically.

Less chance of prescriptions going to the wrong dispenser due to sorting errors.

GREATER FLEXIBILITY

Send prescriptions straight to the patient's nominated dispenser following a telephone or video consultation.

No need to fax urgent or replacement prescriptions. These can be sent electronically by the prescriber.

"I can check between patients and sign any R2 prescriptions that are waiting, instead of having to do them all at the end of surgery. I'm looking forward to getting more patients onto R2 so we can start to see the reduction in trays of paper prescriptions to be hand signed."



John Brigham, GP
Villette Surgery
Sunderland

"A significant number of patients have been converted to repeat dispensing which allows a reduction in administrative transactions between the patient and the practice, whilst allowing the clinician to remain in control of the prescribing process."



Dr John Hampson, GP
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