

Keeping your medicines safe during your stay in hospital

Medicines Management

Information for Patients

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What will happen to my medicines during my hospital stay?

At your bedside, you will have a secure bedside medicine locker. We will lock your medicines away. We need to lock these away to make sure that you and other patients are safe. If you have medicines that need to be kept in a fridge, we will lock these away in the medicines fridge on the ward. We ask that you let us do this.

If you move to a different ward, your medicines should be moved with you.

When you are going home, we try to make sure that we give you your medicines back. We will also give you any new medicines that have been started during your stay with us.

What happens if I have controlled drugs?

You may have also brought controlled drugs (CD) for example, morphine, oxycodone, fentanyl patches with you. The law says we have to lock these in a separate, secure cupboard. We also have to keep a register of these medicines. Because of this, you must not keep these in your bedside medicine locker.

If we become aware that you have brought illicit drugs into hospital with you we ask that you give these to us. If you do not, then we will need to tell our security team so they can be removed safely. We are not able to return any illicit drugs to you on discharge.

Can I use my own medicines in hospital?

The nurses may ask to use your own medicines while you are in the hospital. This can help to make sure you do not miss a dose. It also reduces waste. It is often helpful if you can get a family member or friend to bring your medicines in for you as we do not keep supplies of all medicines. This could stop breaks in your treatment. Please do not take any of your own medicines without first checking with your nurse.

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Can I use my own dosage boxes in hospital?

Some patients have their medicines in plastic boxes with smaller compartments that show which tablets need to be taken at what time of day. These are sometimes called Dosette boxes, blister packs or multi-dose systems, but are all the same thing.

You cannot use these during your stay in hospital as the nurses will not know what is in each compartment. The nurses will give your medicines to you using hospital supplies if you bring your medicines in in this way.

What happens to my medicines when I am discharged?

A doctor /prescriber will write your discharge letter. It lists the medicines that you need to take at home. This is then sent to pharmacy

The pharmacist will look at the letter. They will check through it and authorise any medicines that you need to take home with you. These are then sent to the ward

Your nurse on the ward will check the letter and medicines to check they are correct. They will discuss these with you

If you brought medicines in with you, including CDs, that are no longer prescribed for you, you have the option to take these home, or we can dispose of them for you. Please discuss this with your nurse

Please remember that changes are often made to your medicines during your stay. Your nurse will go through this with you before you go home

If you have questions or concerns about your medicines, such as how we store them whilst you are in hospital, please talk to your nurse, doctor or member of the pharmacy team.

Contact details:

Pharmacy: 0116 258 5566 Monday to Friday 9.am to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 12.30pm,
Sunday 10am to 12.30pm

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