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Miss Katrina Margery
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Dear Miss Margery,

RE: Electronic Repeat Dispensing (eRD)

Two thirds of prescriptions issued in primary care are repeat prescriptions, these repeat prescriptions account for nearly 80 per cent of NHS medicine costs. Management of these prescriptions and the time involved in processing them can be significant. Nationally Electronic Repeat Dispensing could save 2.7 million hours of GP and practice time per year.

What is Electronic Repeat Dispensing?

Electronic Repeat Dispensing is a process that allows a patient to obtain repeated supplies of their medication without the need for the GP to authorise repeat prescriptions each time. Electronic Repeat Dispensing allows the prescriber to authorise and issue a 'batch' of repeat prescriptions electronically until the patient needs to be reviewed.

What are the Benefits of Electronic Repeat Dispensing?

- Saving time – for patients and GPs
- Less prescriptions for GPs to sign
- Reduced prescription workload for GP practices
- Allows community pharmacies to better plan workload
- Reduces medication waste.

What is the Eligibility Criteria for Electronic Repeat Dispensing?

- Stable Medication – no significant changes in the last 6 months and no anticipated long-term changes
- Stable condition – no recent unplanned hospital admissions (in the previous 6 months)
- Up to date medication monitoring – a medication review has been completed within last 6 months
- Up to date disease monitoring – attendance at clinics, appropriate blood tests performed (if necessary) and satisfactory within appropriate timescales.

This practice has recently been reviewing all patients at the surgery who are eligible to have their medications managed by Electronic Repeat Dispensing. Your medication treatment regime has been automatically selected as appropriate for Electronic Repeat Dispensing.

Next Steps

Your next regular medication prescription is ready for you to collect at your usual pharmacy leysdown pharmacy from July 18 and you should continue to collect directly from this same pharmacy for the next 11 months, until your next medication review which is due 05.06.19. There is no need for you to request any further repeat medications for this time period as this has been approved by your GP. (NB: this does not include any 'when needed' items you are currently taking, these will still need to be re-ordered by yourself in the usual way).

When your Electronic Repeat Dispensing prescriptions are ending you will be asked to attend the surgery for a medication review to ensure that your medication is still appropriate for your treatment.

A patient information leaflet is included with this letter for further information on the Electronic Repeat Dispensing process. However if you have any further queries please contact your pharmacy or the surgery.

Yours sincerely

St Georges Medical Centre