

BARBAUHLAW MEDICAL PRACTICE

URGENT PRESCRIPTION POLICY

Urgent requests for medication will only be considered from the medications listed below; no other medications will be treated as 'urgent'. This is a decision made by the GP Partners to ensure safe prescribing. The Admin Team cannot override this decision.

The turnaround for repeat prescriptions is **TWO** working days. Prescriptions that are not on a patient's repeat list can take longer to process.

It is the patient's responsibility to ensure that they are requesting their repeat prescriptions in a timely manner to ensure that they do not run out of their regular medications.

Inhalers

Epilepsy medication

Insulin

GTN spray

Blood thinners – eg warfarin, apixaban, rivaroxaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, clexane, clopidogrel

Water tablets- eg Furosemide, Bumetanide

Transplant medication for transplant patients (if normally supplied by GP)

Hydrocortisone tablets or long term prednisolone

Epipen (or similar auto-injectable adrenaline preparations)

Medication for Parkinson's disease – eg Sinimet, Madopar, Stalevo

Antipsychotics- quetiapine (biquelle), olanzapine, risperidone, amisulpiride, aripiprazole, chlorpromazine

Palliative care medication

Urgent prescriptions will be sent electronically to the patient's nominated pharmacy by 5.30 pm on weekdays.

Hospital requests

If you have an urgent request for medication from the hospital, this should have been provided to you by the hospital either through the hospital pharmacy or by a prescription given to you in the outpatient department or upon discharge. Unless it is a medication listed above, you will need to make contact with your Consultant (normally via their Secretary) or the ward to obtain a supply of the medication.

If you have been given a routine request for medication from the hospital, this will take 2 working days, in line with the normal routine repeat prescription process.

Emergency supply from Pharmacists

Please note that all patients can obtain a short emergency supply of prescription medications from a registered retail pharmacy. They will need to be seen face-to-face, will need proof of identity and proof that they have received the medicines they are requesting before on prescription. There may be a charge for this as it is not an NHS service. **This may only be available when your GP Practice is closed.** Further information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/common-health-questions/medicines/where-can-i-get-an-emergency-supply-of-medicine/>

Over-the-counter Medication

In line with the latest NHS guidance, we will be phasing out the prescribing of common medication available cheaply over-the-counter in Pharmacies unless needed for a defined long-term medical condition. This will include paracetamol, Calpol, medication for diarrhoea and constipation and medication for head lice.

Further information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/common-health-questions/medicines/why-cant-i-get-prescription-over-counter-medicine/>

Thank you for your understanding.