

WHAT HAPPENS  
TO MEDICINES  
YOU BRING TO  
HOSPITAL?

YOUR  
MEDICATION



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## WHY DO I NEED TO BRING MY MEDICINES INTO HOSPITAL WITH ME?

We use medicines which have been dispensed to you where this is possible, this allows you to continue to use medicines you are familiar with and helps avoid unnecessary waste.

To help provide you with the best possible care, your doctor, nurse and pharmacist need to know all the medicines you are taking, including herbal remedies you have bought from a pharmacy, on the internet or other shops.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO MY MEDICINES WHILE I AM IN HOSPITAL?

We will need to assess your medicines to ensure they can be used whilst you are with us and we may need to ask you some questions about them.

Your medicines may be changed while you are with us. We will do our best to explain any changes in your medication to you. If we consider that we are unable to use your medicines or if they are no longer required, we ask for your consent to arrange for them to be destroyed.

With your consent any medicines which have expired or been stopped will be destroyed and a new supply will be sent by the hospital pharmacy. Your medicines will then be put into a locked drugs cupboard or trolley and given to you at the times prescribed by the doctor.

**Please note: your medicines will not be given to another patient.**

# WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY MEDICINES WHEN I LEAVE THE HOSPITAL?

If the medicines you brought in on admission are still right for you, they will be given back to you. This will be decided by your doctor.

The pharmacy will ensure you have enough medication for the length of your leave or for the number of days requested by the doctor for after your discharge.

It is important when you are discharged you make an appointment with your GP to discuss your hospital admission and any changes with your medication.

Any of your medicines left on the ward will be destroyed seven days after you have been discharged.

If you have any questions about your medicines, for example:

- How and when should I take them?
- Are there any side effects?
- Can I take other medicines with them?

Please speak to the nursing staff and they can arrange for the pharmacist or pharmacy technician to discuss your medication with you.



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