

Pembroke Medical Group – Urgent Prescription Policy

We have recently reviewed the way in which we manage urgent prescription requests due to an increasing number of requests for same day prescriptions.

This policy has been put into place to ensure that we provide a safe and consistent service to all our patients in a timely manner.

A request is only deemed urgent if the patient will run out of the medication that same day and if it is one of the following medications from the list below. The urgent repeat prescription will be sent electronically to the nominated pharmacy by the end of the working day.

We will begin to implement this policy from January 2022 and by February 2022 it will be fully operational.

Urgent medications include-

- **DIABETES MEDICATIONS:** Insulin and associated products
- **BLOOD THINNERS:** (Anticoagulants) such as Warfarin, Rivaroxaban
- **EPILEPSY MEDICATION:** (Anticonvulsants) including Buccolam, Levetiracetam, Sodium Valproate, Lamotrigine.
- **HEART RHYTHM MEDICATION:** (Anti-arrhythmics) such as beta blockers: Diltiazem, Verapamil, Amiodarone.
- **CORONARY HEART DISEASE MEDICATIONS:** (Anti-anginals) such as oral nitrates: Nicorandil, Isosorbide Mononitrate, or GTN sprays.
- **Asthma medication:** (Inhalers) i.e Ventolin, Terbutaline
- **ORAL STEROIDS:** (If taking long term) Prednisolone, Dexamethasone, Fludrocortisone.
- **ADRENALINE AUTO-INJECTORS:** (Emerade, Jext, EpiPen)
- **CONTRACEPTION:** Only a 28 day supply will be issued urgently.
- **MOOD STABILISERS:** (Including antipsychotics and antidepressants) Lithium, Mirtazapine, Sertraline, Olanzapine, Quetiapine, Risperidone.
- **RHEUMATOLOGY MEDICATIONS (DMARDS):** If due to take that day: Methotrexate, Sulfasalazine.
- **PARKINSONS DISEASE MEDICATION:** Co-beneldopa, Ropinrole, Rasagiline.
- **WATER TABLETS (Diuretics)** If used to treat heart failure, Furosemide, Bumetanide, Spironolactone.
- **ANTI- CANCER MEDICATION**
- **PALLIATIVE CARE MEDICATION**

It is important that you plan in advance and avoid requesting your essential medications at short notice as this puts undue strain on the Practice and undue stress on yourselves.