

Your Medication



This leaflet is about **medication**.

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When you come to hospital, you may be given medication by a doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

They will talk to you and help you decide about your medication.



If you are too ill to talk about it they will decide what medication is best for you.

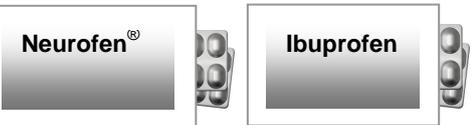
The pharmacy team



The pharmacy team makes sure that your medication works and is safe and right for you.

They look after everything to do with your medication while you are in hospital.

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	When you come to hospital
	<p>Bring all the medication you are taking at the moment.</p> <p>We will check if it's okay for you to take them while you are here.</p>
	Things we should tell you
	<p>We will talk to you about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• your illness and your medication• the choices you have to treat your illness• medication side effects and what to do about them <p>If you are worried about your medication you can talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.</p>
	Names of medication
 	<p>Medication can have two different names – the make and the scientific name.</p> <p>We will use the scientific name.</p> <p>Talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you think the name of your medication has changed.</p>

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	<h2>How to take your medication</h2>
 <p>Medication Take 2 tablets</p>  	<p>Make sure you know how to take your medication. It will be on the label.</p> <p>You can ask someone to support you to read it.</p> <p>Talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you are not sure.</p>
	<h2>Taking different medication</h2>
  	<p>You must tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist about any other medication you are taking. This could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• medication from your GP• medication from a pharmacy• medication from a shop• medication from the internet• food or diet supplements• herbal or homeopathic medication <p>Your doctor, nurse or pharmacist will tell you about side effects or if there are any foods or drinks you shouldn't have while you are taking your medication.</p>

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	Side effects
	<p>Sometimes when you take medication it can make you feel unwell. This is called a side effect.</p> <p>All medication can have side effects in some people.</p> <p>Your medication packet should have information about side effects.</p> <p>If you are worried about side effects or want to know more, talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.</p>
	Where to store your medication
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store your medication in a clean, dry place, out of the sunlight.• Do not use medication if it is out of date. Take it to a pharmacy.• Store all medication away from children.• Talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you are not sure how to look after your medication.

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	When you go home
 <p>Home GP Surgery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You will be given medication to take home.• If we make any changes to your medication we will write to your GP.• Make an appointment with your GP as soon as you can if you need to get more medication.

	Questions you can ask us
	<p>Here are some questions you can ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How will my medication help me?• What will happen if I stop taking it?• What happens if it doesn't work?• What are the side effects?• When will you review my medication?• What happens if my illness gets worse? <p>If you have any other questions about medication you can ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.</p>

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	More information
	<p>If you want to know more about mental health medication look on our website.</p> <p>www.sussexpartnership.nhs.uk/patient-medication-information</p> <p>Ask someone if you need support.</p>
	<p>If you want to talk about your medication contact us.</p> <p>Telephone: 01243 623349 and ask to be directed to one of our pharmacists, or</p> <p>Email: christine.vincent@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk</p> <p>Post: Chapel Street Clinic Chapel Street Chichester PO19 1BX</p>