Urgent Prescription Request Policy

We experience a large volume of requests for prescription every day. In order to safely and efficiently carry this out we would like to make a policy of issuing acute prescriptions.

Medications other than the ones in this list will not be routinely issued on an urgent basis. Requests for routine prescription renewal would require 48 hours for the script to be processed and sent to your nominated pharmacy.

List of medication that would be issued urgently (please see policy below)

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| **Group** | **Name** | **Brands** |
| **Reliever**  **Inhalers &**  **Nebuliser Solutions** | Salbutamol | Ventolin  Salamol |
| Ipratropium | Atrovent |
| Terbutaline | Bricanyl |
| **ALL Anticoagulants** | Warfarin |  |
| Apixaban | Eliquis |
| Edoxaban | Lixiana |
| Rivaroxaban | Xarelto |
| Dabigatran | Pradaxa |
| Sinthrome |  |
| Dalteparin |  |
| Enoxaparin | Clexane |
| Tinzaparin |  |
| Fragmin |  |
| Heparin |  |
| **Anti – Epileptic Medication**    **ONLY FOR EPILEPSY**    Not for pain management/ migraine etc. | Carbamazepine | Tegretol/ Trileptal |
| Gabapentin |  |
| Lamotrigine | Lamictal |
| Levetiracetam | Keppra/ Desitrend |
| Phenobarbitone |  |
| Phenytoin | Epanutin |
| Topiramate |  |
| Valproate | Epilim/ Episenta/ Depakote/ Epival |
| **Anti-Psychotic Medications**    **Schizophrenia/ Bipolar/ Psychosis** | Aripiprazole |  |
| Haloperidol |  |
| Olanzapine | Zalasta |
| Quetiapine | Biquelle/ Seroquel/ Brancico/ Mintreleq/ Psyquet/ Atrolak |
| Risperidone | Risperdal |
| Lithium |  |
| **Parkinson’s Medication** | Co-Beneldopa | Madopar |
|  | Co-Careldopa | Sinemet |
|  | Levodopa | Sastravi/ Stanek |
| **Long Term Steroids**    **For patients who take steroids EVERY day, long term** | Dexamethasone |  |
| Prednisolone |  |
| Fludrocortisone |  |
| **Nitrates**  **&**  **Anti-Angina Medication** | Glyceryl Trinitrate Spray | Nitrolingual/ GTN spray |
| Isosorbide mononitrate | Isodur/ Isotard/ Monomax/ Monomil XL |
| Isosorbide dinitrate | Isoket Retard |
| Verapamil |  |
| Nicorandil |  |
| Ivabradine |  |
| Ranolazine |  |
| **Anti-arrhythmic Drugs**    **For cardiac arrhythmias only**  **Not for treatment of hypertension only**    **(Not propranolol for anxiety)** | Amiodarone |  |
| Flecanide |  |
| Sotalol |  |
| Verapamil | Half Securon/ Univer |
| Digoxin |  |
| Diltiazem | Adizem/ Dilzem |
| Propranolol |  |
| Atenolol |  |
| **Palliative Care Medications** | Anticipatory Drugs   * Diamorphine * Cyclizine * Levomepromazine * Glycopyronium * Midazolam * Water for Injections | Individual vials for subcutaneous administration by district nurses |
| **Diabetic Medications**    **FOR TYPE 1 DIABETICS ONLY** | All insulin |  |
| Needles |  |
| Test strips |  |
| Sharps Bin |  |
| **Anaphlyaxis Injections** | Adrenaline 1:1000 | Epipen  Epipen Junior  Jext |

What will happen next?

* The last request will be at 3pm. Any request handed in after this time will be processed the next working day.
* We aimed to issue a prescription to your nominated pharmacy by 4.30pm today.
* Please be aware this is a 7-day issue. You will still need to request your medication through your usual way of ordering.
* Please contact your pharmacy to arrange for collection.
* Please bear in mind that we have no control over stock availability in the pharmacy.
* Patients who repeatedly request their prescriptions on an urgent basis will receive a letter warning them that they must comply with the Practice’s Policy or potentially face removal from the Practice.