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# Serial Prescriptions

**GP practices have a new system for patients receiving long term repeat medication.**

The new system enables us to issue some patients with serial prescriptions lasting for 24, 48 or 56 weeks.

**You may receive a serial prescription if you meet the following criteria:**

- **Registered with a GP in Scotland**
- **On one or more repeat medicine(s) which are taken on a regular basis**
- **Attend appropriate monitoring when required e.g. blood pressure checks, blood tests**

If you are suitable for this type of prescription, your medication will be put on a serial prescription. You will collect your medication from your community pharmacy every 4 or 8 weeks. This will be approved annually by your GP practice.

**Please note: not all drugs can be put on a serial prescription**

The community pharmacist will ask you a few questions to ensure you are getting the best out of your medicine(s) and help minimise side effects. If you receive more than one medicine, they will make sure they are due at the same time. The pharmacy staff may also ask you to sign a consent form for this service, if you haven't already done so.

If you do not wish to receive a serial prescription, let the practice or pharmacy know and we will update your record and continue to issue you with a standard repeat prescription.

**Help reduce waste – please inform your community pharmacy or GP practice if there is medication on your prescription that you no longer take**

**Always check your medication at the pharmacy before you leave and make sure you are not collecting medication that you no longer need or that you have an excess of at home**

**Ask the pharmacist when collecting your medication if you have any questions**