

What if I don't want to use my own medicines?

You have the right to choose not to take your own medicines during your hospital stay.

This decision will not affect your care or treatment in any way.

You are, however, advised to allow your medicines to be checked to make sure that your medicines are prescribed correctly.

Once this has been done, we advise that your own medicines are returned home with a relative or carer as soon as is convenient.

Under these circumstances the pharmacy will provide all your medicines for your hospital stay.

Who should I speak to if I have any questions or concerns?

If you have any further questions, please ask a member of the nursing or pharmacy staff.

Dispensing for discharge

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Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Trust runs a scheme which lets you continue using your own medicines during your hospital stay.

Any new treatments prescribed in hospital will be supplied for you with full labelled instructions, ready for when you go home.

This scheme is called '**Dispensing for Discharge**'.

What are the benefits of the Dispensing for Discharge scheme?

- To make sure that your medicines are prescribed correctly in hospital.
- To make sure that none of your routine doses are delayed or missed when you first come into the hospital.
- To make sure that you are not given a double supply of medicines, which can be confusing for some patients.

- To allow some patients to take their medicines themselves during their hospital stay.

- Finally, when it is time for you to go home, you will not have to wait so long for your discharge medicines.

Will my medicines be safe?

Yes. You will be given an individual medicine cabinet near to your bed.

Only your medicines will be stored in there and it will be kept locked.

The nursing staff will hold the key unless you are to take your medicines yourself.



Will my medicines be checked?

Yes. With your agreement, your medicines will be checked when you are admitted to hospital. This makes sure that all the medicines are still needed, and that the instructions on the labels are up-to-date.

Any changes to your medicines will be picked up by the nursing and pharmacy staff. New medicines will be dispensed and the pharmacy department will re-label or re-package any medicines if needed.

Will I have enough medicines to take home?

Yes. During your hospital stay, pharmacy staff will regularly check your medicines, and order any new supplies, to ensure that you do not run out. For routine (repeat prescription) medicines, the pharmacy will usually give you a month's supply.

When it is time for you to go home, pharmacy staff will make sure that you have at least 2 weeks' supply to take with you.