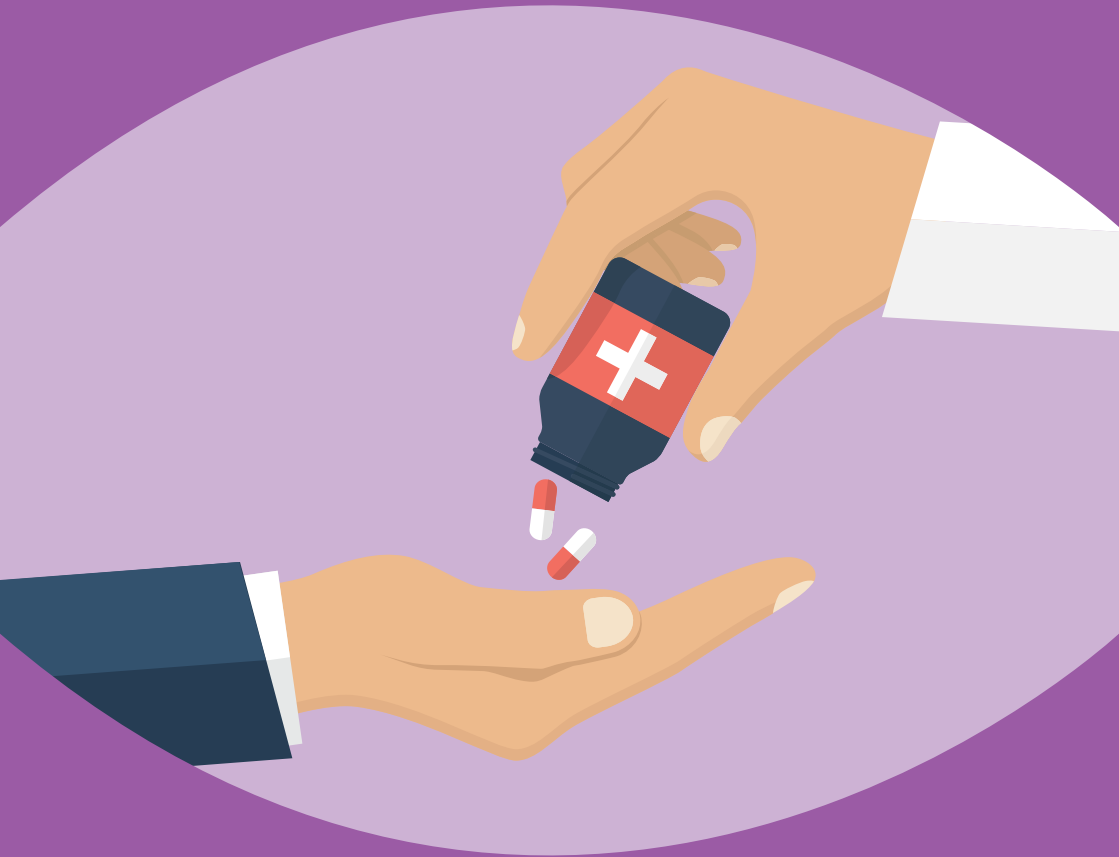


Non-medical prescribing at St Gemma's

Information about St Gemma's nurses
who can prescribe your medication



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Our non-medical prescribers

At St Gemma's, we are keen that people have timely access to the medicines they need, to help manage symptoms. To help do this, some of our nurses have undertaken specific training to enable them to assess patients and prescribe medication. They are called non-medical prescribers.

Non-medical prescribing is any prescribing undertaken by a healthcare professional other than a doctor or dentist. Non-medical prescribers within St Gemma's are senior nurses with post-registration qualifications in their specialist field of practice, such as a community nurse specialist, or advanced nurse practitioner. Before they are able to prescribe any medication they undergo a course at university and a series of assessments and examinations to ensure they have the right skills and knowledge.

Our nurses are able to prescribe for the conditions they are specialists in. Your ongoing repeat prescriptions will continue to be provided by your own GP. All our non-medical prescribers are registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

By working in this way, we aim to:

- help improve the care and support you receive from us by tailoring care to meet your needs
- reduce the amount of time you wait for medicines
- provide information about the medication you are taking, including risks and benefits
- work with you to monitor your treatment

What next?

The ultimate decision rests with you. Our non-medical prescribers will work closely with you to understand your needs, concerns and expectations about medicines so you can make informed choices about your treatment. Our nurses who are non-medical prescribers will inform you of this. They will then check you agree that they can prescribe your medication.

Non-medical prescribers will ensure that your doctor is aware of any medication they have prescribed for you. There may be times when a non-medical prescriber will consult with you, along with a doctor, and make a joint decision about what to prescribe.

St Gemma's is not the only organisation working in this way. Changes to the way medicines are being prescribed are taking place throughout many healthcare organisations, including the NHS. Not all of our senior nurses are non-medical prescribers.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to a member of the team.



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