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Non-medical Prescribing is when a Health Professional other than a Doctor or a Dentist prescribes your medicines

For the purposes of this leaflet, your Non-medical Prescriber will be referred to as your 'NMP'

- Non-medical Prescribing can only be undertaken after Registered Health Professionals have completed specialist in-depth training
- Your NMP will use all their skills and knowledge to ensure that you receive a quality and cost effective service
- It is safe, efficient and effectively utilises the skills and knowledge of a wide range of Health professionals
- It gives you quicker access to your medicines
- It helps to reduce delays in your treatment

Non-medical Prescribing falls into three groups:

- Independent NMPs who assess you and review the medicines that you take. If required they will prescribe additional medicines, change doses or discontinue medicines that you no longer require
- Supplementary NMPs who will use a Clinical Management Plan agreed between yourself and your Doctor to manage previously diagnosed conditions
- Community Practitioner Formulary Prescribers who prescribe from a very limited formulary, for example some dressings, catheters, appliances

Is Non-medical Prescribing safe?

Yes, your NMP has undergone in depth training in order for them to assess you and prescribe safely

Can any Health Professional now prescribe my medicines?

No, it is only when Health Professionals have successfully completed additional training and have registered their prescribing qualification with their Governing Body and the Trust that they can prescribe

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These are the Health Professionals who can prescribe after completing a Non-medical Prescribing course:

- Nurse, Midwife. registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Pharmacist registered with the General Pharmaceutical Society
- Physiotherapist, Podiatrist (Chiropodist) , Advanced Paramedic, Dietitian, Therapeutic Radiographer registered with the Health and Care Professions Council
- Optometrists registered with the General Optical Council

Why isn't my Doctor prescribing my medicines?

It is not always necessary for you to see your Doctor as your Doctor may not need to prescribe your medicines. Your NMP has specialist knowledge about your individual condition and therefore, is often the most appropriate person to prescribe for you

What can my Non-medical Prescriber prescribe for me?

Your NMP:

- will only prescribe medicines for you that are within their specialist area of practice and there are some restrictions on what medicines he/she can prescribe
- will work at all times within their clinical competencies and will always adhere to their Code of Conduct
- is professionally accountable and clinically responsible for their prescribing practice

Can I still see my Doctor?

Yes, if you wish you can still see your Doctor. Just discuss this with your NMP and it can be arranged (although this might not be arranged immediately). If your NMP has any concerns about your condition or your medicines they will speak to your Doctor and may ask/arrange for you to see your Doctor.

What can I do if I am not happy with the decisions made?

Please:

- discuss any concerns that you might have with your NMP, as an open and honest approach is the only way we can maintain and/or improve the quality of our service
- ask to see our 'make a comment, complaint, compliment' leaflet, so you can raise your concerns

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can discuss:

with your NMP

or please ask to see their Line manager

www.cht.nhs.uk

If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

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