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Using your own medicines whilst in hospital

Patient information leaflet

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please speak to a member of staff who can arrange it for you.

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vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe
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Introduction

This leaflet is provided to you to explain how we use your own medicines from home during your stay in hospital.

Using your own medicines whilst in hospital

At Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (MWL) we run a scheme where you will continue to use your own medicines from home during your stay in hospital. We will provide any extra medicines you need from the hospital pharmacy.

Why do we use your own medication?

- To make sure you have the correct medicines in hospital.
- To support a quicker discharge home.
- To avoid missed doses
- To help you understand what medicines you should be taking.
- To reduce wastage.

Notes

What will happen to your medicines?

- When you come into hospital a member of the pharmacy team will check your medicines to see that they are usable, in date, labelled correctly and are the medicines your doctor wants you to take.
- We will normally only use medicines in labelled containers with your name and the directions on the label.
- Your own medicines will be stored in a locked medicines locker next to your bed or in an individual tray in the medicines trolley along with any new medicines you may need.
- Controlled drugs brought into hospital may be used but will be locked away securely in the ward controlled drug cupboard.

What if I have questions about my medicines?

- A member of the Pharmacy Team will be available weekdays 8.30am to 5pm to answer any questions or give you information about your medicines.
- All medicines are supplied with patient information leaflets.

What if I need new medicines or there are changes to the medicines I usually take?

- Any new medicines will be supplied by the hospital pharmacy and put in the medicine locker next to your bed or in the ward medicines trolley to support a timely discharge.
- If your dose changes but the medicine remains the same, pharmacy will re-label your medicines with the new instructions.
- Any new medicines will be labelled with directions explaining how to take them.
- Return any medication you have at home that is no longer prescribed for you to your local pharmacy.

What happens to medicines I no longer need?

- If your medicines are no longer needed or are damaged or out of date we can safely dispose of them for you.

What will happen when I go home?

- The doctor will write a prescription for the medicines you need to take when you are due to go home. This information will be sent to your GP also.
- A member of the pharmacy team or nurse will check the medicines in your medicines locker and give them to you along with a copy of the discharge prescription.
- Please make sure you take your medicines from the bedside locker or ward medicines trolley when you go home and return the locker key if you have been given one during your admission. You can request your own controlled drugs are returned to you from the ward controlled drug cupboard on discharge if they are still prescribed on your discharge prescription.

How do I get a new supply of my medicines?

- You will need to obtain more supplies from your own GP. Your GP will be informed of your discharge medication. Please contact your GP surgery at least 7 days before your medicines run out.