



# Medicines recommended by Private Doctors

## **Can I get my private prescription transferred to an NHS one?**

Your private doctor may have recommended a particular medicine. However, your GP practice is under no obligation to transfer a private prescription to an NHS one.

## **Private prescriptions must meet NHS prescribing guidance**

Your GP will assist with the request only if the prescription meets NHS prescribing guidance. If the private prescription does not meet this guidance, your GP may choose to prescribe an equally clinically effective and more cost effective alternative.

## **What if I need to start taking the medicine straight away?**

For medicines required to be started as soon as possible, e.g. antibiotics, and medicines which are specialist in nature and unfamiliar to your GP, the prescribing should be done by your private specialist.

## **Medicines must have proven clinical effectiveness**

The medicines recommended by your private doctor must have available documented evidence supporting their effectiveness for your condition and they must be medicines that your GP is familiar with.

