Bridge Surgery Newsletter May 2019 Repeat Prescription Ordering



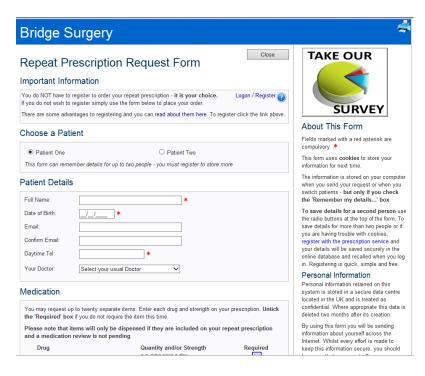
Changes to ordering your repeat prescription online

Do you order your repeat prescription online? At present there are two ways to do this – both accessed via our website:

SystmOnline – if you have registered for online services to make and cancel appointments you can also order your repeat prescription using *SystmOnline*. This way takes you directly to your repeat prescription screen in our clinical system where you tick the items that you require and after you have clicked 'submit' the request goes straight through to our reception team.



Website Form – the other way of online ordering at present is via the 'form' on our website. You do not have to be registered to do this but can also set up log in details in order to remember your medication. It looks like this:



We have had several incidents of patients ordering incorrect medication using this form as each drug has to be manually inputted with the assistance of a drop down menu. The wrong formulation of a drug has been ordered and also medication no longer being taken as the form saves what had previously been ordered. These errors were all picked up prior to the prescription being issued but take time to investigate and are potentially a patient safety issue. There are also other issues with this form the number of items that can be ordered is limited to 20 and antivirus software can clear the list of previously inputted drugs. It is also easy to forget to untick any drugs that are no longer required.

Patient safety is our top priority so in order to prevent the issues described above from happening in future we will be turning off this way of ordering repeat prescriptions on 30th June 2019.

Repeat prescriptions can still be ordered online after the end of June via *SystmOnline* and we encourage you to register for online services as soon as possible if you currently use the website form to order your prescription. Pick up an information leaflet and application form available from reception or on www.bridgesurgery.net and complete the form and then visit the practice in person with documents to verify your identity. Online access to make appointments and order prescriptions will be granted within a few days. Please ask a receptionist if you are unsure of the process.

Please note that we do not accept requests for repeat prescriptions over the phone.

Ordering your repeat prescription

Please allow two working days for us to process your order and send to your nominated pharmacy.

Please remember to allow a further two working days for the pharmacy to prepare your medication so that it is ready for collection.

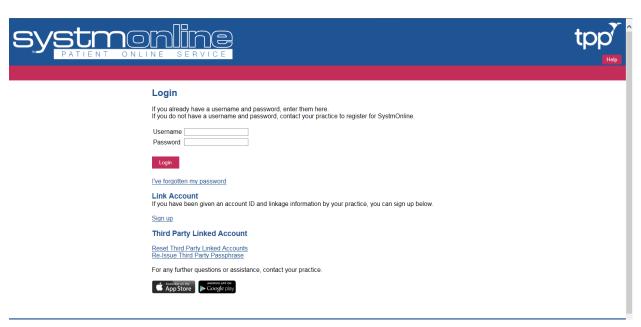
Unfortunately we receive a huge number of last minute urgent orders from patients who have forgotten to order in good time and are about to run out of their medication. These requests interrupt and delay other prescription requests from patients that have ordered in good time.

Please be considerate to other patients and help us to help you by ordering your repeat prescription in good time – ideally a week before you are due to run out.

We accept orders in the following ways:

Online via *SystmOnline* – this is our preferred way of ordering. If you are not already registered for online services please complete a form and bring your identity documents in to reception. Please note from 1st July this will be the only way we accept orders online.

SystmOnline looks like this:



Post your re-order slip (or complete an order slip) into one of the red post boxes inside the lobby of each entrance and at out new prescription point in the waiting room.

Post your re-order slip to us by Royal Mail.

or arrange a pharmacy to order for you.

Hospital Medication Requests

Whilst we understand that patients are keen to start any new medication prescribed by the hospital quickly, please allow two working days for your prescription to be prepared. If a consultant wishes you to start new medication immediately they are able to issue a prescription for you to obtain from the hospital pharmacy. Thank you.

Please note our fax machine will be switched off on 30th June 2019.