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When being discharged from hospital, most patients will be given a supply of medications to take at home. These may be the medications that you usually take but may also include some new medications started during your inpatient stay, such as antibiotics or pain relief.

If you are discharged with a course of antibiotics, please ensure the course of therapy is completed in full as directed.

## What will I be given on discharge?

A nurse or a member of the pharmacy team will give you your medications to take home (also called TTO medications) and will go through each one with you to make sure that you understand what they are for and how to take them. Your discharge letter will also list these medications.

It is important that you confirm that all the medications given to you are meant specifically for you. All medications will be labelled with your name and will have instructions on how to take. If you find any medications that are not labelled or the instructions are unclear, give them back to the nurse or pharmacy staff. Do not take any medications without your name or instructions on the label.

## Where can I get a copy of my discharge letter?

Your discharge letter lists all the medications that the doctor has prescribed for you to continue taking at home, and contains details of your inpatient stay.

A copy of your discharge letter will be supplied with your medications, and the person organising your discharge will ensure that you have been given this.

Your GP will also receive a copy from the ward.

## Where can I find more information on my medications?

All medications supplied to you on discharge will come with a Patient Information Leaflet. These leaflets contain detailed information on what the medication is for, what the medication contains, how to take the medication, and typical side effects.

If you have any concerns regarding your medication, it is important that you access reliable information. The best source of information will be your pharmacist or GP and the Trust Medicines Information service is available on:

**0121 371 8784**

**(Monday to Friday, 9:00 – 17:00).**

## What if I experience side effects to my medications?

If you think you are experiencing a side effect to a medication that you are taking, you should first speak to your GP as it may be vital for you to continue taking it.

All medicines can cause unwanted side effects in some people. Many side effects are mild, but some can be serious and even life-threatening, and this is why it is important to report side effects.. You can report suspected side effects to medication at:

**<https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>**

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