

You've Been Provided an Electronic Prescription



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What is an electronic prescription?

Instead of writing your prescription on a piece of paper, your doctor will use a computer system to send the prescription directly to your pharmacy.

How does it work?

Electronic prescriptions (e-prescriptions) are sent using a private, secure, and closed network. Your prescription information is not sent over the open internet or as email.



What are the benefits of electronic prescriptions?

E-prescriptions are fast and convenient.

You won't have to make an extra trip to drop off your prescription. E-prescriptions can be used to alert your pharmacist that your doctor is recommending a vaccine for you.

E-prescriptions also have other benefits:

Storing information about your medications electronically can help your doctor keep track of your medications and may help prevent allergic reactions and drug-to-drug reactions.

Will my prescription be ready when I arrive at the pharmacy?

E-prescriptions usually travel quickly from your doctor's office to your pharmacy. However, time is needed to fill your prescription. The time needed to fill your prescription can be affected by the number of prescriptions and customers already waiting in the pharmacy.



TIPS for Filling Your Prescriptions

New Prescriptions

- ✿ It is helpful to have all of your prescriptions sent to the same pharmacy.
- ✿ Allow sufficient time for the prescription to arrive at the pharmacy after it is ordered.
- ✿ Before you go to your pharmacy to pick up your medication, it is a good idea to call the pharmacy to ask what time it will be ready for pick up.
- ✿ When you go to pick up your medication, let the pharmacy know your prescription was sent electronically from your doctor's office.

Prescription Refills

- ✿ Call your pharmacy when you need refills on your prescription.
- ✿ Call your pharmacy to make sure your refills are ready before you go to pick them up.

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