



# Bringing your medicines into hospital

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## About this leaflet

The purpose of this leaflet is to tell Scottish Pulmonary Vascular Unit patients about bringing medications into hospital.

## What to bring

Please bring all of your regular prescribed and over the counter medicines in their original packs with pharmacy labels where provided. This should include tablets and capsules, inhalers, eye drops, injections and other specialist medicines that is supplied by your GP or hospital. You should bring enough medicines for your anticipated hospital stay plus one week.

If you are using intravenous **epoprostenol (Flolan)** or subcutaneous **treprostinil (Trepulmix)**, make sure to bring the medicine, pump, and all necessary accessories and supplies for your expected stay, plus an extra week's worth.

## Why do you need to bring in your medicines?

Bringing your medicines with you allows us to check exactly what medicines you take at home. This will prevent unnecessary wastage of medication, allow you to take your regular medicines without any delays, and speed up your discharge from hospital.

## During your hospital stay

Your medications will be assessed to ensure they can be used on the ward. Approved medications will be locked in a secure locker in your room. The nurse looking after you will administer all of your prescribed medicines to you and note this on your drug chart.

If you have forgotten to bring any of your medicines, or they are not in their original packs with a pharmacy label, we can order these for you for use while you are on the ward.

## Going home

Any unused medicines will be returned to you and will provide a small supply of any new medicines or where a dose has changed.

You will be advised of any changes to your regular medicines. We will provide you with a letter to take to your GP explaining these changes.

## Further information

If you require any further information, or are not sure of anything, please call us:

- Scottish Pulmonary Vascular Unit Nurses: 0141 951 5623
- Scottish Pulmonary Vascular Unit Pharmacist: 0141 951 5420

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