Pharmacy and Elective Surgery

PHARMACY STAFF CAN HELP YOU WITH ALL ASPECTS OF YOUR MEDICATION.

Just before your admission date, please ensure that you are not running low on your regular medicines. If you have less than 1 month’s supply left of your medicines, please get a repeat prescription dispensed by your pharmacist before you are admitted.

ON ADMISSION PLEASE BRING IN WITH YOU:

- All of your medication in the original containers.
- Any other remedies you have been taking.
- An up to date GP repeat prescription list.

WHY ARE WE ASKING YOU TO DO THIS?

- To allow us to know exactly what medication you take at home.
- To ensure that all medications are being taken correctly.
- To make sure that any medication no longer needed is disposed of safely.
- To speed up the discharge process, as most of your regular medicines will not need dispensing by the hospital pharmacy.

You will receive your medication during your hospital stay and we will ensure that you have sufficient supplies (usually 2 - 4 weeks) on discharge allowing you time to obtain further supplies through your GP.

PRESASSESSMENT CLINIC:

Please bring all your medicines to the Pre-assessment Clinic. The pre-assessment nurse will go through each of your medicines and document how you take each of them. Certain medicines may need to be stopped prior to surgery. The pre-assessment nurse will tell you if any of your medicines need to be stopped prior to your operation.
If you require additional advice or clarification regarding the contents of this leaflet, please contact Pharmacy on **01932 722521**

### Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty. If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 01932 723553 or email **pals@asph.nhs.uk**. If you remain concerned, PALS can also advise upon how to make a formal complaint.

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