

## Pharmacy Teams work in EVERY GP Practice in Fife

GP practices have someone from the Pharmacy Team working there on most days, with larger practices having someone there every day.

You can speak to a member of the Pharmacy team by telephone or in person.

Please ask the practice staff to arrange this.

# Information about the Pharmacy team in your GP Practice

## Patient Information



## Who Are the Pharmacy Team?

### The team includes:

- Pharmacists
- Pharmacy Technicians

They are Registered Health Care Professionals who help patients to use their medicines safely and effectively.

## Benefits of the Pharmacy Team in a GP Practice

- They can discuss your medicines with you.
- They are specialists in medicines.
- They can talk to your local pharmacy about medication queries.
- They can free up GP time.

## A Pharmacist can:

- Review your medicines with you to check they are safe and effective, on the telephone or in person.
- Prescribe medicines (after appropriate training).
- See you in the GP practice, at home or in a care home.
- Request blood tests, if required.

## A Pharmacy Technician can:

- Give you advice on how to manage your medicines.
- Assess if you need any additional help to take your medicines, e.g. provide a medication chart.
- See you in the GP practice, at home or in a care home.



## What the Pharmacy Team do in your GP Practice:

- Help you to understand the medicines that you need to take and get the best from them.
- Deal with medicines and prescription queries that you may have.
- Review your medicines with you:
  - when you leave hospital, after an out-patient appointment or following a change to your medicines
  - to help with a long-term condition such as pain when you need to take many medicines
  - when you join the practice as a new patient
  - if you live in a care home