

## Setting up a Patient on Electronic Repeat Dispensing (eRD)

For eRD it is important that patients are selected carefully. Appropriate patient selection would include:

- **Stable** medication
- **Stable** condition
- **Up to date** medication monitoring
- **Up to date** disease monitoring

When a prescriber issues an eRD, it must contain the following information:

- Total **quantity** per issue
- The intended **duration** of each issue of the prescription
- How many **times** the eRD prescription can be issued before the patient/medication must be reviewed or re-ordered.

The screenshot shows a prescription form for Metformin 500mg tablets. The fields are as follows:

|                   |  |        |  |
|-------------------|--|--------|--|
| Name              | Metformin 500mg tablets                                |        |  |
| Dosage            | One To Be Taken With Breakfast, Lunch And Evening Meal |        |  |
| Quantity          | 84   | tablet |  |
| Rx Types          | Repeat Dispensing                                      |        |  |
| Duration          | 28   | Day(s) |  |
| Authorised Issues | 6  |        |  |

Please note that for issues of **28 days' supply, 13 issues will be needed for a 12 month supply**. eRD stores all the issues of the eRD prescriptions securely on the NHS spine and automatically downloads them to the patient's nominated dispenser at the intervals set by the prescriber. The prescriber has the ability to cancel an item or whole prescription at any time. Ensure that a **medication review is planned** and that this **coincides with the end of the eRD prescription**.

### Consent

Patients must give their consent to repeat dispensing but this can be verbal and formal written consent is not required. Consent should be read coded in the patient's notes.

**Initiation** for repeat dispensing : **8BM1**

Patient **consent** given for repeat dispensing info transfer: **9Nd3**

Prescriber guides produced by NHS Digital can be found at the following link:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/Electronic-Prescription-Service/Electronic-repeat-dispensing-for-prescribers>

### Patient Information

- They must agree to EPS transmission of prescriptions and **nominate a pharmacy**, but this can be changed at any stage.
- Any prescriptions that have not already been downloaded will be available at the new pharmacy.
- They can get an issue early (eg if going on holiday).
- They will still need to request and collect (have the pharmacy collect) any controlled drugs as these cannot be issued by EPSr2 or on repeat dispensing.
- Pharmacy will **inform** them when the **last issue** has been given, and they will **need to contact GP practice** for further supplies.

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