

# **Electronic prescriptions**



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This information is about **electronic prescriptions**.



An **electronic prescription** is a **prescription** you can look at online.



A **prescription** is what a doctor gives you so you can get your **medicine**.



**Medicines** are things you take to feel better.



You can ask for support to read this information.

## **About electronic prescriptions**



You can choose to get an electronic prescription instead of a paper one.



You can get electronic prescriptions for most medicines.



Electronic prescriptions are helpful if

• You sometimes lose paper prescriptions

You travel a lot.



The information in an electronic prescription is kept safe and **private**.



Private means no one else can see it.



Your doctor can send the electronic prescription to your phone by

• Text message

• Email.



You will get a **token** in the message from the doctor.



A **token** has information about your prescription.



You get a different token for each medicine you take.

#### How to use tokens



You can go to a **pharmacy** to use your token.



A **pharmacy** is a place that gives out medicines.



The pharmacy will scan your token and give you the medicine.



You can message the token to your pharmacy before you go to pick up the medicine.



They will have it ready when you get there.



You can also ask if they can send the medication to your home.



If you have **repeats** on your electronic prescription the pharmacy will give you a new token.



A **repeat** means you can get the medication again using the new token.



You can give your token to someone else to get your medicine if you can not go to the pharmacy.



This might be a

• Family member

• Friend

• Carer.

### **Active script lists**



When you get an electronic prescription you can ask for it to be put on your **active script list**.



An **active script list** is an online list of all the medications you take.



When you go to the pharmacy they can look at your active script list and give you the medicine you need.



You can tell your doctor if you do not want some medicines on your active script list.



You can ask the pharmacy to make you an active script list if you do not have one.



You will need to take ID like

- Medicare card
- Drivers licence
- Passport.



The active script list can help if you have lots of tokens for different medicines.



They can also make it easier for your health workers to look after your medicines.

#### **More information**



For more information about electronic prescriptions you can go to

www.digitalhealth.gov.au/initiatives-andprograms/electronic-prescriptions



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