

# A Guide to Medication Safety



*A guide to medication safety while you  
are an Inpatient, on Weekend Leave,  
or are being Discharged*

## **On admission**

Bring all your medications with you to the NRH and give them to nursing staff on your arrival.

## **During your stay**

Pharmacy supplies all your medicines while you are an Inpatient. Please be on the ward at drug administration times.

Don't take over-the-counter medications during your stay at NRH as these may interfere with medicines you are taking in the hospital - the Pharmacists will answer any questions you have about medicines.

## **On discharge**

The Pharmacist can advise you on your medicines during your stay, or prior to discharge, and give you Information Leaflets. Pharmacy supply weekend leave medications.

The Nurse will ask how many days you are going home for - please ensure you have enough medicines for your weekend leave; don't forget to take them home with you and give any unused medicines to the Nurse on your return to NRH.

The Pharmacist will give a 3 day supply of medicines on discharge so you have time to go to the local pharmacy.

Before considering use of herbal or other remedies following brain injury, always discuss first with your doctor.

## **Safe Administration of Medications**

We want to ensure safety when nurses are administering medications at the time of the drug round on the ward.

Our aim is to reduce the volume of interruptions and distractions nurses experience during the drug round.

## Medication Safety

This helps ensure staff can devote their full attention to administering medication – a task which requires a high level of concentration.

On each Ward, nurses wear a RED APRON to alert staff and patients to the fact that they are administering medications.

Unless it is essential, please do not interrupt a nurse wearing a red apron like that shown in the photograph below.

Instead, please refer any questions or concerns you may have to another nurse who is not administering medications.

