

Memo to patients re the prescription management of routine non-haemostatic medication

To ensure patient safety, continuity of care, and appropriate prescribing, all patients attending the National Coagulation Centre (NCC) must provide details of their registered **General Practitioner (GP)** and nominated **community pharmacy** to facilitate electronic prescribing where required.

Patients are responsible for ensuring that their GP and pharmacy details are kept up to date with the NCC. Failure to provide accurate GP and pharmacy information may result in delays to prescribing and medication supply.

Responsibility for prescribing and issuing repeat prescriptions for all **non-haemostatic medications**, including but not limited to anticoagulants, pain relief medications (e.g., paracetamol, paracetamol/codeine combinations, etoricoxib (Arcoxia), non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and all opioid medications), rests with the patient's registered GP or the clinician primarily managing the relevant condition.

The NCC **does not provide routine or repeat prescriptions for non-haemostatic medications**.

NCC medical staff and nurse prescribers may issue short-term prescriptions only in exceptional circumstances, where clinically indicated and necessary to manage an acute episode. Any such prescribing is at the discretion of the NCC clinician and should not be regarded as an alternative to ongoing prescribing by the patient's GP or treating specialist.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

National Coagulation Centre

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