

Prescribing Policy

All prescriptions are the legal responsibility of the prescriber. Only the doctors at Wakatipu Medical Centre can legally sign prescriptions.

Repeat Prescribing is only permitted for Registered & Enrolled Patients at Wakatipu Medical Centre.

Requests for repeat prescriptions are authorised by the doctors only, but maybe in association with practice nurses. Either the doctor or the nurse will talk directly to the patient requesting the prescription. Prescriptions can not and will not be issued without a doctor's authority.

Repeat Prescriptions

Repeat prescriptions are issued at the doctor's discretion. If clinically appropriate ONE repeat prescription may be issued without the patient being seen by the doctor or nurse. It may also be clinically necessary for the nurse to see the patient before a repeat is issued. e.g. blood pressure assessment or blood test review.

Doctors have the final authority to decline a repeat prescription if in their opinion it is not clinically sound practice. This includes prescriptions for patients of other doctors. If the patient's medical history is unfamiliar to the prescribing doctor he /she may decline to renew the prescription. In such circumstances the patient would need to see a new doctor, for which standard charges would apply.

If a patient requires a same day script then a limited number of 5 minute appointment slots are available at the end of the day with the "late" GP. The patient will need to see the GP. The cost of this is \$25. This consultation is for a prescription only and will not be a full consultation.

Some medications may not be issued on repeat prescriptions at the doctors discretion.

Requests for prescriptions may be received by phone, fax, email or in person. The scripts may also be faxed direct to a Pharmacy on request from the patient, at no extra cost. Patients must allow up to 48 hours for a repeat prescription to be available. The standard charge is \$15 per prescription. If you wish to use email then please email your request to admin@wakatipumedical.co.nz and it will be directed to the appropriate member of staff.

The Maximum length of supply on any script is governed by law. The maximum supply for most medications is 90 days. The main exception is oral contraceptives (180 days).