

Pharmacy First scheme

It is **important** that patients who need **urgent medical care** continue to come forward as normal for GP appointments, especially in emergency and life-threatening cases - when someone is seriously ill or injured, or their life is at risk.

Therefore, we are now promoting the **Pharmacy First** scheme, which enables pharmacists to offer advice to patients and supply NHS medicines (including some prescription-only medicines under patient group directions -PGDs), where clinically appropriate.

We encourage patients to request our practice makes Pharmacy First referrals for adults and children, for the seven conditions and in accordance with the age ranges below. If preferred, patients can also refer themselves directly to a pharmacy for advice and treatment to treat the following **SEVEN** common conditions:

Clinical pathway	Age range
Ear Infections (<i>including Acute Otitis Media*</i>)	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected Insect Bites	1 year and over
Shingles	18 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Sore Throat	5 years and over
Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections	Women 16-64 years

**Distance Selling Pharmacies will not complete consultations for Acute Otitis Media.*