



NOTICE TO OUR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES

Electronic Prescribing

As of March 27, 2016, NYS Public Health Law requires your prescriber to electronically prescribe (e-prescribe) all your prescription medications. This is called Electronic Prescribing. NYS has chosen to do this because of the benefits of e-prescribing: fewer medication errors due to handwriting; fewer medication errors due to misunderstood phoned-in prescriptions; less risk of lost prescriptions. *The law does not permit your doctor to make exceptions.*

What does this mean for me?

When you are discharged from the hospital you will **not** receive a written paper prescription for your medications and your doctor cannot call prescriptions into a pharmacy for you. A prescription will be sent electronically by your doctor to the pharmacy you have chosen. Upon admission, you will be asked for the name of your pharmacy. During your hospital stay you may change the pharmacy you have chosen by telling your therapist. At discharge you will be given the name and address of the pharmacy where the e-prescriptions were sent.

Preparing for e-prescribing when you are discharged:

Bring the name and address of your current pharmacy to Admissions.

Note down the information you gave us:

Your Pharmacy: _____

Pharmacy address: _____

Pharmacy phone number: _____

***Please Note:** If your Pharmacy is part of a retail chain like CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, or Walmart, your prescriptions will be filled at the address of the specific Pharmacy you chose. You cannot go to any location of the retail chain to fill your prescriptions.*