

OUTPATIENT PHARMACY

Who: Prescriptions for discharged and ambulatory patients.

Where: Ambulatory Care Building
604-875-2205

When: Monday to Friday, 0900 -1630 hours
(Closed weekends and holidays)

How: Payment by cash, cheque, American Express, Mastercard, VISA, BC Pharmacare Plans and some other prescription plans

- The outpatient pharmacy provides specialized pharmacy services which may not be available in community pharmacies. This includes compounded oral liquids, investigational drugs and parenteral medications.
- For special request items e.g. compounded products, medical supplies, IV antibiotics, narcotic analgesics for subcutaneous administration at home must be received by the outpatient pharmacy **no later than 24 hrs prior to discharge**. Some medications are not benefits under Pharmacare. Physicians are reminded that if special authorities are required, the submissions to Pharmacare for coverage should be made several days prior to discharge. Some of the more commonly prescribed drugs which require Special Authority are omeprazole, enoxaparin, fluconazole.
- Some narcotic and controlled drugs must be written on an official duplicate prescription form stating the prescriber's name and MSP number. These prescriptions are valid for a period of five days from the date written.
- Patients who are discharged or complete their clinic visit after the outpatient pharmacy has closed should be told to have their prescriptions filled at a community pharmacy. Prescriptions will only be filled by the inpatient pharmacy (local 6912) in emergency situations or if an item is not available in a community pharmacy.