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Scripts and Biologic Applications

Under best practice guidelines and in-house policies and procedures we do not provide scripts over the phone or via email requests. If you require a script urgently, please contact our rooms to arrange the first available telehealth appointment for your convenience. If you require a biologic script these can only be done onsite or via Skype. Please see below instructions relating to the specific requirements for a biologic prescription.

Biological Treatment Rules as per HIC

Please take note that prescriptions for biologics are **NOT** that same as being prescribed regular medications. These prescriptions cost up to \$20,000 per year. If you feel you cannot follow the guidelines, as listed below, please notify the Doctor and you will be placed back onto oral medications.

It is imperative that you take responsibility for maintaining regular blood tests and making appropriately time appointments with the Rheumatologist.

1. Initial script is for a 16 week (make sure you keep the prescriptions with you).
Patient must have blood tests performed and be reviewed **after** three months of treatment and **before** the last script runs out. You must be seen by the prescribing doctor for assessment around the time you pick up your last repeat.
***PLAN TO DO BLOOD TEST & HAVE APPOINTMENT TO SEE DOCTOR APPROXIMATELY THE WEEK YOU PICK UP YOUR LAST REPEAT (about week 13). Scripts cannot be issued until bloods and assessment is performed. The HIC no longer permit faced requests or over the phone requests for prescriptions.**
2. **Subsequent script is for 24 weeks** (make sure you keep the prescription with you).
***PLAN TO DO BLOOD TEST & HAVE APPOINTMENT TO SEE DOCTOR APPROXIMATELY THE WEEK YOU PICK UP YOUR LAST REPEAT (about week 20). Scripts cannot be issued until bloods and assessment is performed. The HIC no longer permit faced requests or over the phone requests for prescriptions.**
3. Delay injections for infusions if you have any infections, fevers, flu, etc, and get on antibiotics ASAP.
WE CANNOT DO OVER THE PHONE SCRIPTS – this is against the law and the penalty is a fine of \$20,000. If you lose the script, a new application has to be made to HIC.

We will keep an eye on your appointment requirements following your initial application. Indeed, some patients have specific requirements for their individual needs that bypass regular treatment standards. If you have any queries and concerns regarding your appointment requirements for biologic applications, please speak to our onsite manager.

PLEASE NOTE: It is the PATIENT's responsibility to ensure the original script gets to the appropriate chemist if medication has been dispensed from a copy.