

## Treatment Recommendations from Hospital Consultants

When the recommendation is submitted to the practice with the request for the GP to issue the prescription it will endeavour to provide the prescription within 48 hours, on some occasions longer will be required but, you will be advised of this.

When the consultant issues the recommendation to the patient it is done so with the view that the GP is provided 14 days' notice to complete the request. On the form is a note to the patient which reads:

*The doctor you have seen today has recommended that your GP prescribe medication for you. Please take this form to your GP. **This medication is not urgent.** Your GP may wish to see you (or the more detailed clinic letter) before prescribing or may be aware of reasons for not following the recommendation. Your practice will inform you if you need to make an appointment. Otherwise, your **new prescription should be ready within a maximum of 14 days.***



Any General Practitioner that issues and signs a prescription has full clinical responsibility for the issue of the medication regardless of who recommended it. The recommendation forms contain little data relating to the diagnosis and reason for the recommendation and also the GP will need to check with patient's current medication and medical history to ensure that it will not interact or cause an adverse effect in which could harm the patient.

**THANK YOU**