



Medicines at King Edward Memorial Hospital

Medication safety during my hospital stay

It is important for your medical team to know exactly what medicines you are taking in case they interact with medicines used in hospital.

This includes:

- ▶ Medicines prescribed by your doctor
- ▶ Medicines bought from a pharmacy or supermarket
- ▶ Herbal medicines, vitamins and supplements
- ▶ Topical medicines (creams, ointments, patches etc.)
- ▶ Inhalers, injections, implants, pessaries, suppositories
- ▶ Eye, ear, nose, throat medicines

Your medicines will be safely and appropriately stored whilst you are in hospital, including medicines that need to be refrigerated.

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have any questions about medicines, please ask to speak to your ward pharmacist.

The **pharmacy department** can be contacted on **(08) 6458 2722**.
Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5.00pm.

For enquiries regarding the use of medicines in pregnancy and breastfeeding, the **Obstetric Medicines Information Service** can be contacted on **(08) 6458 2723**.
Service hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm.

Purchasing prescribed medications on discharge

If you require any medicines on discharge, you will receive a prescription and can purchase your medication at the hospital pharmacy or your local pharmacy. Purchasing your medication at hospital will incur a cost similar to what you would pay at your local pharmacy. You may choose to pay on the day of discharge with cash, EFTPOS, MasterCard, Visa or cheque or you can ask to receive an invoice via post to your home which you should pay as soon as you are able.

If you believe you may experience difficulty in paying for your prescribed discharge medications please talk to your nurse, midwife, doctor or the KEMH Social Work department during your stay in hospital.



This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

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