

MEDSCHECK PROGRAM PROVIDES BETTER CARE FOR PATIENTS

The MedsCheck medication review program will help patients use their prescription drugs more effectively, which results in improved patient safety and treatment. This voluntary program gives patients an opportunity to consult their pharmacist on a one-on-one basis to receive professional advice on how to manage their medications. The MedsCheck program is the first consultative program of its kind in Canada.

Eligible Patients for MedsCheck

The MedsCheck program is an optional program available once a year. To qualify for a MedsCheck medication review, a patient must be currently taking a minimum of three chronic prescription medications.

Eligible Patients Who May Benefit Most

- Patients who have several chronic medical conditions and are taking several medications;
- Patients who have recently been released from a hospital;
- Patients who have had major changes to their medicine schedule;
- Patients who are taking “high-alert” medications, such as opiates or digoxin;
- Patients who may have trouble managing their medication.

MedsCheck Medication Review

During the one-on-one interview, patients should bring any medication containers, vitamins and herbal remedies they are taking. Patients are welcome to bring their caregiver along. During the review, the pharmacist will:

- Verify any patient allergies or chronic medication conditions;
- Collect personal, lifestyle and other health information;
- Review the patient’s medications to help them better understand drug names, strengths, side effects and usage instructions;
- Ensure patients are taking their medications as directed and will provide any tips on how to get the best results from their medication;
- Answer any patient questions or concerns;
- Provide the patient with an up-to-date medication list to show their doctor, pharmacist or when admitted to hospital.

After The Medication Review

The pharmacist may follow-up with the patient by telephone to talk about any concerns. The pharmacist may forward a copy of your medication list (revised or not) to your physician. Patients are encouraged to keep their medication list up-to-date at all times.