

# Opportunities for Joint Working between GPs and Community Pharmacy

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GP and Community Pharmacy contracts are poorly aligned which leads to a lack of shared outcomes. Attempts are being made to address this nationally.

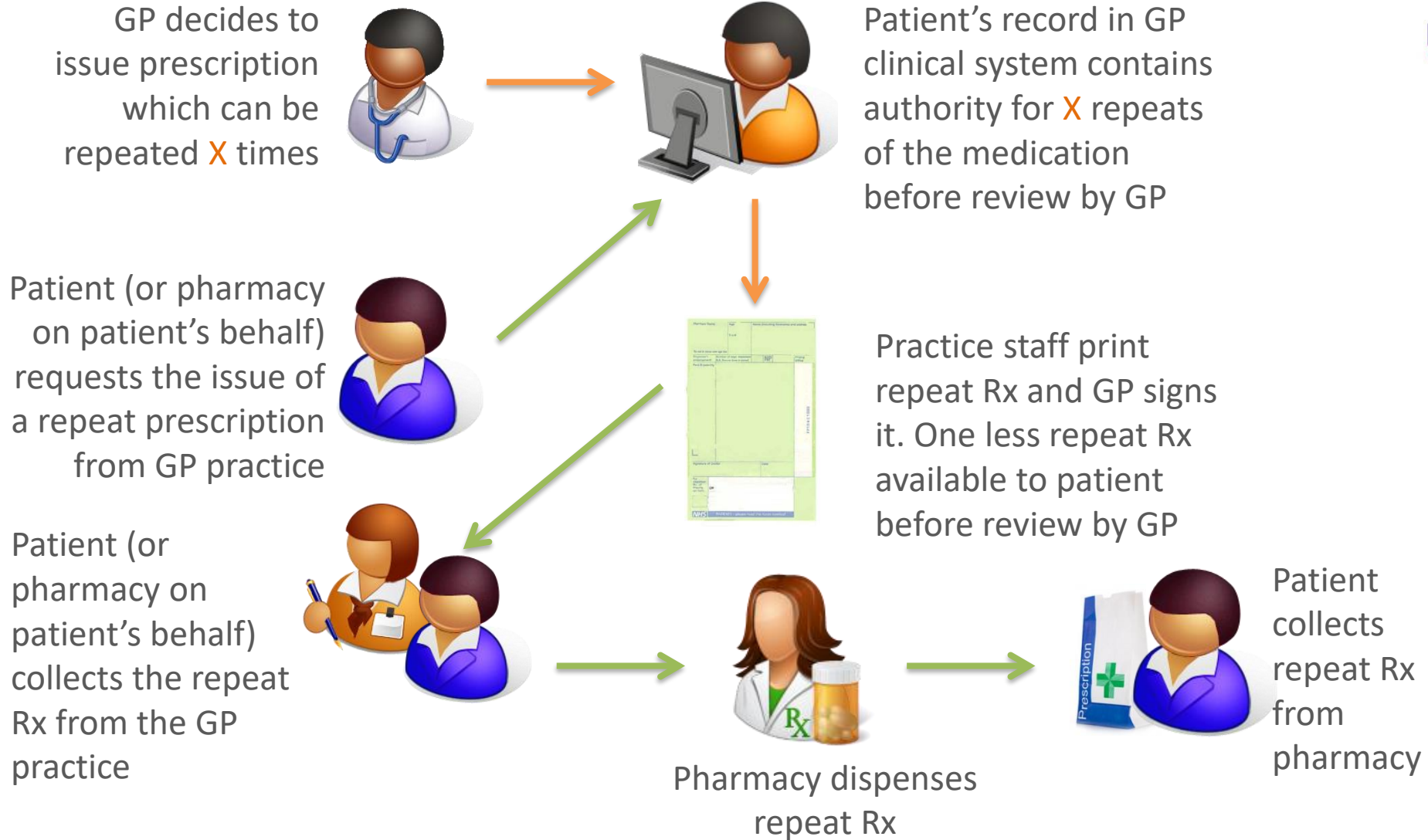
However under the current contract there are two main areas of joint working which could reduce GP/practice workload and support better outcomes for patients.

## eRD

Electronic repeat dispensing is a process that allows a patient to obtain repeated supplies of their medication or appliances without the need for the prescriber to hand sign authorised repeat prescriptions each time. This allows the prescriber to authorise and issue a batch of repeat prescriptions until the patient needs to be reviewed.

# 1

## A typical repeat prescribing system



# 2

## EPS R2 Repeat Dispensing



GP decides to issue prescription which can be repeated X times



EPS R2 repeat dispensing used to prescribe

Spine sends Rx to patient's nominated pharmacy, or is pulled from spine by pharmacy



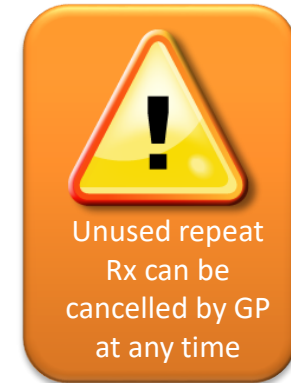
X repeat Rx for the medication added to the spine



Pharmacy dispenses repeat Rx



Patient collects repeat Rx from pharmacy



# Benefits of EPS R2 Repeat Dispensing



- Saves GP practice time and expense – less transactions related to repeat prescribing
- Unused repeat Rx can be cancelled at any time by the GP as with a standard repeat prescribing system
- Saves patients time and added convenience of just collecting prescriptions from their pharmacy
- Requires the pharmacy to check the appropriateness of each supply
- Reduces the need for managed repeat services



## Referral into MUR and NMS services

**Medicines Use Reviews**- Checks medication use and patient understanding for medicines used in selected LTCs

**New Medicines Service**- Supports the use of new medicines prescribed for selected LTCs

GP REFERRAL FORM

PATIENT INFORMATION		GP INFORMATION	
NAME		GP NAME	
ADDRESS		SURGERY ADDRESS	
D.O.B		CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER	
NHS NUMBER			
PATIENT REFERRED FOR NMS		PATIENT REFERRED FOR MUR	
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DIRECT FEEDBACK REQUESTED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
SIGNATURE		DATE	

PATIENTS ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE THIS REFERRAL TO THEIR REGULAR PHARMACY AND TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE PHARMACIST

- This form is now being used by a local CCG for GP referral of patients into these services
- These services are paid for from national funding and therefore are not a cost to the CCG
- Referral from hospitals across the STP footprint to community pharmacy on discharge will begin this summer.



## Benefits

Support better understanding of treatments

Pick up concordance issues and report to GPs

Support medicines optimisation

**Referral helps to target patients most in need of support**

# DISCUSS