ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING IS HERE

The NYU Student Health Center is now using an electronic prescribing system to send prescriptions directly to your pharmacy. Electronic prescribing will become New York State law on March 27th, 2016.

What is electronic prescribing?
Instead of writing your prescription on a piece of paper, your provider will use a computer system to send the prescription directly to your pharmacy.

How does it work?
Electronic prescriptions are sent using a private, secure, and closed network. Your prescription information is not sent over the open Internet or as email.

Can the prescription be sent to any pharmacy?
Yes. You choose which pharmacy will receive your prescriptions. Currently, more than 75% of U.S. pharmacies accept electronic prescriptions.

What are the benefits of electronic prescriptions?
They’re fast and convenient. You won’t have to make an extra trip to drop off your prescription at the pharmacy. Additionally, storing information about your medications electronically helps us keep track of your medications and may help prevent allergic reactions and drug-to-drug reactions.

Patient tips
With electronic prescribing, there will be changes in how you fill new prescriptions and how you request refills. Here are some tips:

New Prescriptions
• Choose a pharmacy where we should send your prescriptions. We recommend that you select only one pharmacy, which will help your pharmacist prevent drug-to-drug reactions.
• Allow 10-20 minutes for the prescription to arrive at the pharmacy. Electronic prescriptions are usually transmitted quickly. However, once the pharmacy receives your prescription, they will also need time to fill it.
• When you arrive at the pharmacy to pick up your medication, let the pharmacist know that your prescription was sent electronically from our office.

Prescription Refills
• Discuss prescription refills with your SHC provider. You can always send a secure message to your provider through Open Communicator, our secure web portal, by going to https://shcportal.nyu.edu.