

## What to expect at your private consultation?



Visit or book at a participating pharmacy. No referral needed



Consultations will take place in a fully equipped, private, consultation room



During your appointment, the pharmacist will take your medical history, assess your symptoms, ask relevant questions and discuss suitable options



With your consent, they can share this information with your GP or other healthcare providers



If appropriate, the pharmacist may prescribe medication for your condition and explain how to use it safely



Your pharmacist will arrange follow up appointments with you to monitor your progress

## Ask your pharmacist today!

No need for an appointment.

Just ask your pharmacist to see if they can help.



Take the first step towards better health.

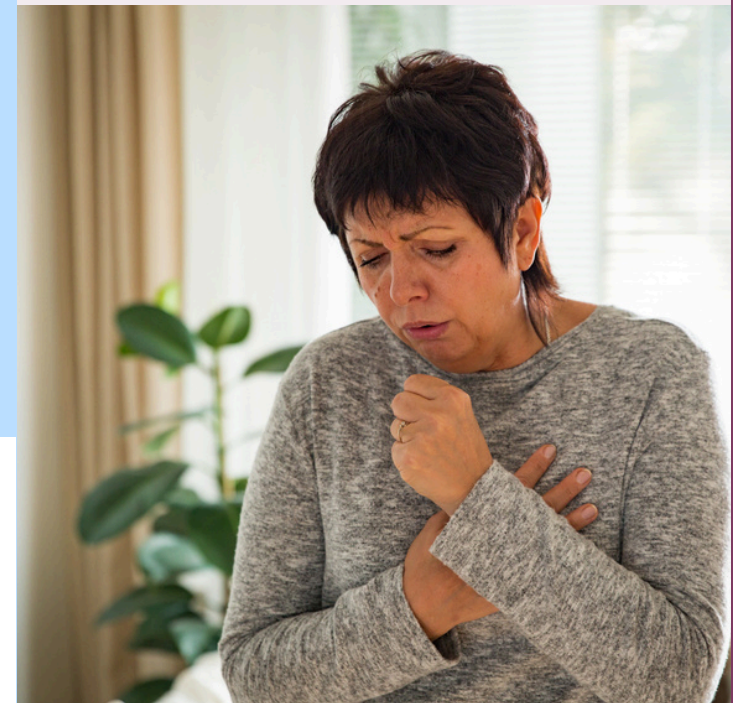


**Think** Pharmacy First

## COPD

Improving chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) management

Pharmacists can now help actively manage and treat COPD.



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## How your pharmacist can help

### Your prescribing pharmacist will:

- **Listen** to your concerns and take a thorough medical history
- **Conduct** an assessment and examination, where appropriate
- **Help** you understand your breathing difficulties, and how they can be managed
- **Discuss** available treatment options, placing importance on your personal preferences and circumstances
- **Review** and optimise your medicines if you are already living with COPD
- **Prescribe** new medicines to manage your COPD, where appropriate
- **Develop** a personalised COPD Action Plan to help you understand how to respond to flare-ups
- **Provide** education on managing your symptoms and making lifestyle changes
- **Update** your GP and healthcare team
- **Refer** you to other healthcare providers, if needed.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is the name for a group of lung conditions that affect many people. COPD is a long-term condition that can cause your airways to become narrower, making breathing more difficult. It can also cause air to become trapped in your lungs making you feel breathless. Although there is no cure, the right diagnosis, treatment and support can help you to manage your condition and breathe more easily.

## Why choose community pharmacy?

### Accessible

Open early, late and on weekends

### Convenient

Appointments not always necessary, walk in or book ahead

### Private

Confidential consultations in a dedicated consultation room

### Affordable

A cost effective, convenient way to manage your health

### Professional

Authorised and trained pharmacists

### Connected

With your consent, we can notify your GP and arrange referrals where needed

## Who can offer the services?

Prescribing pharmacists are registered, qualified and authorised pharmacists who have completed postgraduate training so they can assess, diagnose and treat a range of everyday and long-term health conditions.

The advanced training focuses on clinical assessment, diagnosis, medication management and prescribing, undertaken in close partnership with a designated prescriber.

Before this, they have already completed a four-year pharmacy degree or a master's degree, a year of supervised internship, national registration exams and ongoing professional development.



## Safe and trusted care

In many countries, community pharmacists have safely provided these health services for decades\*, helping patients access timely care close to home.

Training and education standards for pharmacists are set by the Australian Pharmacy Council, under the authority of the Pharmacy Board of Australia, which operates within the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra).

\*2015 NHS Wales Independent Review of Pharmacy Prescribing Evidence



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