

To find a pharmacy that accepts electronic prescriptions visit [www.LearnAboutEprescriptions.com](http://www.LearnAboutEprescriptions.com) or call your local pharmacy.

**HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER**

LET Us KNOW the name and phone number of the pharmacy you wish us to use when e-prescribing your medications.

If you change mail order or retail pharmacy, LET Us KNOW the name of your new pharmacy.



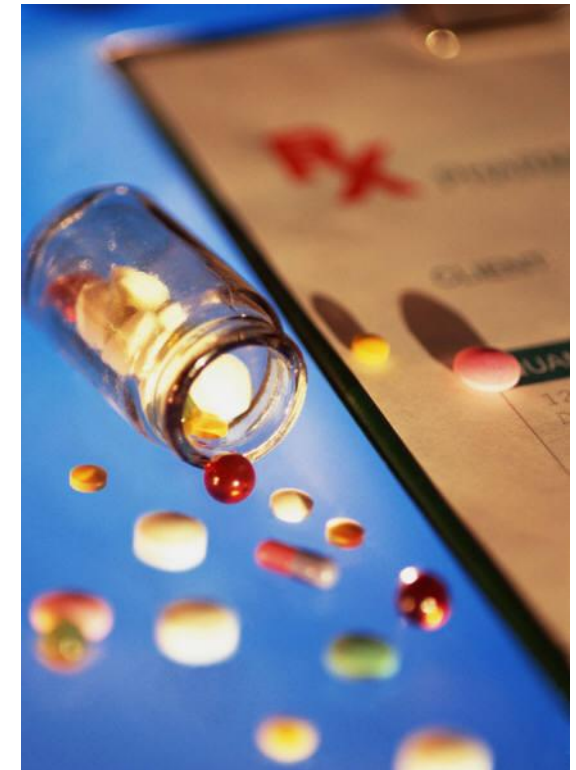
The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization ACT directed Medicare to support e-prescribing programs.



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***Electronic Prescriptions  
Why it makes sense  
and  
What you need to know***

## What is an electronic prescription or e-prescribing?

E-prescribing is the use of computers to improve the safety and efficiency of the medication ordering process.

E-prescribing makes use of computers to simplify and improve the traditional handwritten prescribing process. Under the e-prescribe system, healthcare providers enter your prescription into a computer instead of writing in on a prescription pad. The order is electronically transmitted to the retail pharmacy or mail order pharmacy of your choice.

## Why is e-prescribing important?

Prescription drugs have become an integral part of the medical care Americans receive. More than 3.5 billion prescriptions are ordered every year. With such a high volume, there are an increasingly larger number of errors or adverse reactions that occur. Errors are caused by miscommunication resulting from illegible handwriting, unclear instructions, and unclear verbal or telephone orders. E-prescribing improves the safety of ordering medications by reducing communication errors and promoting best practices in prescribing.

E-prescribing also offers other benefits to patients:

- Convenience of having the prescription automatically sent to your pharmacy,
- Improves the physician's ability to prescribe drugs covered by your insurance.
- Provides more detailed information about the drugs your doctor is prescribing.

- Improves the compliance of patients filling the prescription and taking the medication they need.

## Who participates in the e-prescribing process?

It encompasses the relationship between you, your doctor and the pharmacy of your choice. If you do not have a pharmacy, our healthcare providers or staff can help you find a pharmacy that is right for you.

## Can my doctor e prescribe all drugs?

No. Currently your doctor cannot use e prescribe when ordering controlled substances. Examples of this class of drugs are Oxycontin and Vicodin.

## Why e prescribing makes sense for our patients

- Convenience: the prescription will arrive at the pharmacy before you leave our office.
- Streamlines the renewal process: e-prescribing streamlines communication between physician and the pharmacist. Doctors can respond by computer to requests for renewals, no longer having to call the pharmacist.
- Better medication management: e-prescribing provides access to your insurance plan information on which medications are covered by the plan.
- Better information: your doctor can electronically access a list of your medications and this new technology can alert him/her to potential problems such as drug allergies.

## Will I or my insurance provider be charged for this service?

No. There is no fee to you for e-prescriptions. You pay the same way and amount for the medication. UHS has covered the cost to install the software and train our staff.

## Is my information private and secure?

We take the privacy and security of all your health records very seriously. Federal law requires that your personal health information be shared only for the purpose of providing care for you or for paying your health insurance claims. E-prescribing is consistent with these laws.

## Why? - it's the right thing to do

Urology Health Specialists is dedicated to providing you quality care in a safe, cost effective environment at locations in your community. We strongly believe that e-prescribing is one way we achieve that goal. Consumer advocacy organizations, Medicare, insurance companies, and healthcare organizations all support and encourage healthcare providers to use e-prescribing.



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