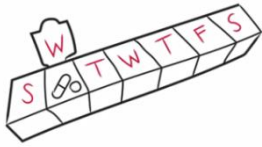


Anti-rejection Drugs

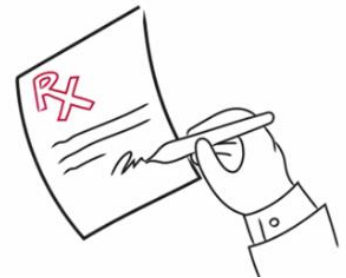


Your transplant nurse will help you learn your new medications, their names, what they look like, what they do, and when to take them. This is called the self-medication program (SMP). This program includes teaching handouts and videos.

The Patient Medication Videos can be found on line:

- Go to www.lhsc.on.ca
- Click **Patient Families and Visitors** tab
- On the left menu bar, click on **Programs and Services at LHSC**
- Click on **Multi-Organ Transplant Program** under Transplantation
- Click on **Pharmacy**

In preparation for your discharge, the doctors will write your prescriptions for the medications you will need to take at home. This will happen a day before you leave the hospital. You should know each drug's brand name (the company name) and the generic name.



We strongly recommend that you have these first prescriptions filled at our hospital pharmacy, which is located in the main lobby. The Pharmacy Prescription Centre is open Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding statutory holidays. The telephone number is 519-663-3231. After your first prescription is filled, future prescriptions can be filled at the pharmacy of your choice.

Community pharmacies may not stock the anti-rejection drugs you need. Shortly after returning home, you should speak to your community pharmacist and tell them what medications you are taking. They may be able to order your anti-rejection drugs, but it will probably take a few days. You need to give your pharmacist lots of notice when you are running short on medications.

It is important that you never run out of medicine. It is recommended to have at least 2 weeks' worth of medication on hand at all times.

If you need financial help in obtaining your medications, please speak with the Pharmacist or Social Worker concerning this issue.

No matter how long it has been since your transplant, there is always a risk of rejection and losing your liver. **NEVER STOP TAKING YOUR MEDICATIONS OR CHANGE THE DOSAGE WITHOUT YOUR TRANSPLANT TEAM'S APPROVAL.**