



Labrador-Grenfell
Health

Notice to the public

Changes to Medication Dispensing in Southern Community Clinics Effective September 1, 2018

Labrador-Grenfell Health Community Clinics has been dispensing medications for several years however, The Standards of Practice as set out by the Newfoundland & Labrador Pharmacy Board (NLPB) and the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland & Labrador (ARNNL) requires that Labrador-Grenfell Health change how it dispenses medications.

As a result, Labrador-Grenfell Health's Community Clinics will **no longer be dispensing long-term prescriptions as of September 1st.**

This change will ensure Labrador-Grenfell Health is in compliance with regulatory standards, is following best practices for medication dispensing and is promoting and protecting the rights and responsibilities of clients.

As a client, you are responsible to:

1. Contact the clinic to review your current prescription.
2. Make an appointment at your local clinic one month ahead of when you need your prescription renewed.
3. Choose a community pharmacy to fill your prescription. Your prescription will be provided to you or Labrador-Grenfell Health can fax to a community pharmacy of your choice, if you request that.
4. Discuss prescription pick-up/delivery and arrange payment for your medication with your community pharmacy.

Labrador-Grenfell Health will provide you with a copy of your prescription or fax your prescription to a community pharmacy of your choice. Nursing staff at each clinic will help support you with this change. Labrador-Grenfell Health will continue to have a small supply of medications available for instances when you may run out of your medications and are unable to collect from a community pharmacy. Acute care medication and treatment will continue to be provided and dispensed from your local community clinic.