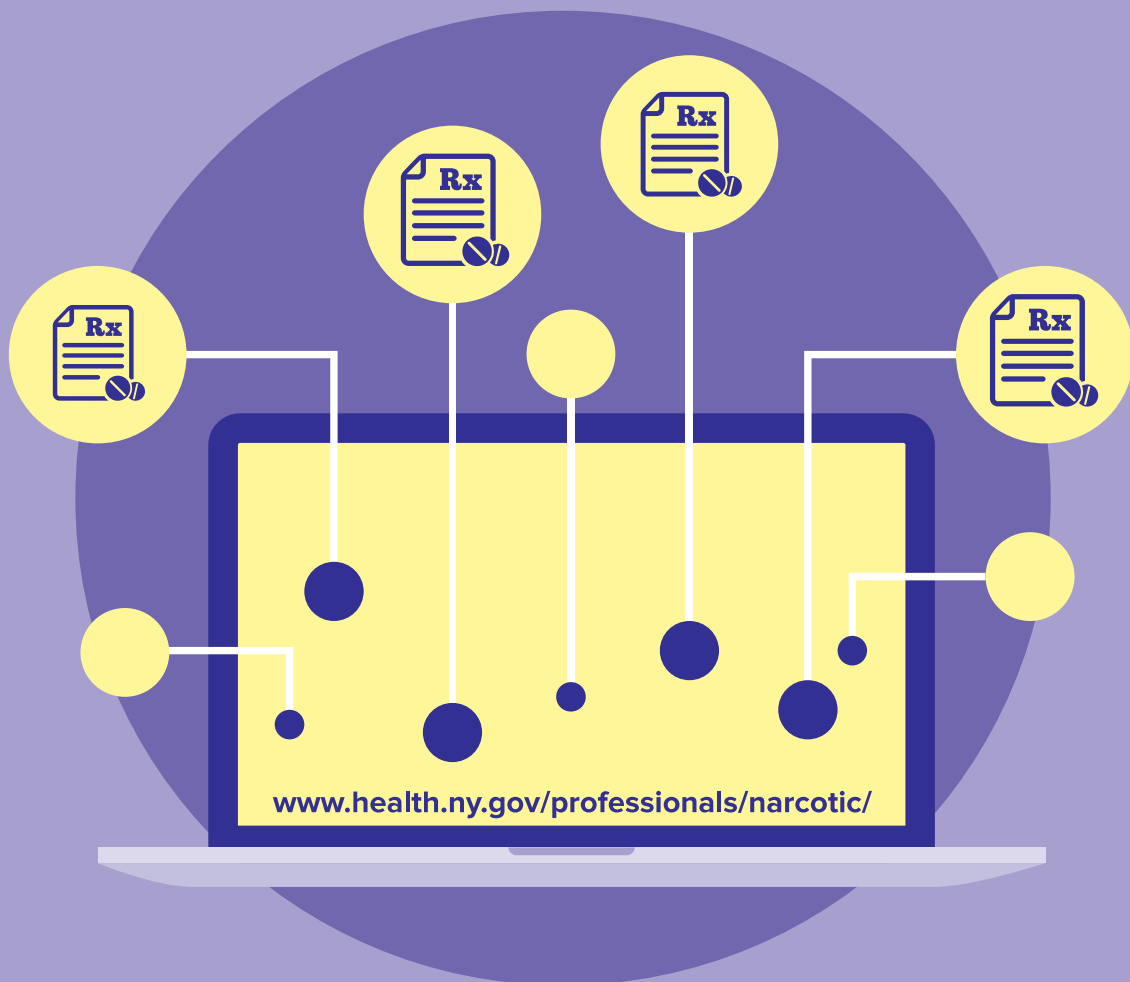


What is Electronic Prescribing?



Your prescription will be sent from your prescriber's computer to your pharmacy's computer. Electronic prescribing is a paperless process. You will no longer receive a paper prescription from your doctor or other health care professional.

As of March 27, 2016, NYS Public Health Law requires your prescriber to electronically prescribe (e-prescribe) all your prescription medications directly to your pharmacy. Prescriptions will no longer be handwritten or called in to your pharmacy, except in limited circumstances.

Benefits of e-prescribing

- Improved patient safety
- Fewer medication errors due to handwritten prescriptions
- Fewer medication errors due to misunderstood phoned-in prescriptions
- Less risk of lost or misplaced written prescriptions

How you can prepare for your next office visit

- Bring this pamphlet or the last page with you to help you remember your questions.
- Have your pharmacy information available (name, address and phone number).
- Have information about any other pharmacies you may choose, if your first choice is not available.
- Know the medications you are taking.
- Ask your prescriber what you are being prescribed at each appointment.
- Ask which pharmacy the prescription was transmitted to before leaving the office.
- Tell your pharmacist soon after the office visit if you do not need your medication right away.

Frequently asked questions about electronic prescriptions

1. Why don't I get a paper prescription anymore?

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2. How do I know what was prescribed?

Ask your prescriber what you are being prescribed at each appointment. Your prescriber may be able to give you a list of what is being prescribed and electronically sent to your pharmacy.

3. Can I still get a paper prescription?

No. Your prescriber must electronically prescribe (e-prescribe) all your prescription medications directly to your pharmacy. Only in rare circumstances will your prescriber be allowed to issue a paper prescription.

Your Pharmacy Information

Use this section to tell your prescriber where you want your prescriptions filled. This will help your prescriber keep track of your pharmacy information.

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

Your cell phone: _____

Your home phone: _____

Your pharmacy (first choice): _____

Pharmacy address: _____

Pharmacy phone number: _____

Pharmacy (second choice): _____

Pharmacy address: _____

Pharmacy phone number: _____

Use this space for other information your prescriber may need to know:

www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic/

