

NETTLEHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

CLINICAL PHARMACIST

The practice has been fortunate enough to have two new clinical pharmacists in the practice following a successful bid by Imp Healthcare federation and NHS England.

James and Sarah are highly qualified health professionals who train for many years to become specialists in medicines and how they work. They can work directly with you, as part of the general practice team, to make sure your medicines help you get better and stay well. Having a clinical pharmacist in the practice team means you can be treated by the best professional for your needs. All pharmacists are registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council. More information is available on our website or from the practice in the form of a patient information leaflet.

When will I see a clinical pharmacist?

You will see a clinical pharmacist when you need expert advice on your medicines. If your condition needs diagnosing, you will usually see a GP first, who may then refer you on to a practice nurse or clinical pharmacist. Below are some examples of how a clinical pharmacist can help:

Long-term conditions

If you have a condition such as asthma, type 2 diabetes, arthritis or high blood pressure, the clinical pharmacist can discuss the medicines you're taking to make sure they're working for you. They can also help you with lifestyle changes to help you manage your condition.

Experiencing side effects

If you are experiencing side effects from your medicines, you and the clinical pharmacist can discuss this and work together to find a solution, such as changing your medicine or the dosage. If you are taking a number of different medicines, the clinical pharmacist can help make sure they are working well together.

Reviewing your medicines

If you are taking medicines over the long-term, you should be seen for a review at least once a year. The clinical pharmacist can review all your medicines, discuss how they are working for you and carry out health checks, such as taking your blood pressure. They can also arrange for you to have blood or other tests.

After a stay in hospital

If your medicines have been changed while you were in hospital, the clinical pharmacist can help explain these changes and ensure you get the maximum benefit from these medicines.

Your appointment

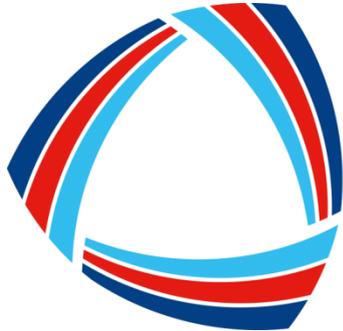
Just as when you see a GP or a practice nurse, you will see a clinical pharmacist in a private consultation room. Seeing the pharmacist does not replace an appointment with a doctor. You will still be able to see your GP if you need to. A clinical pharmacist will not give you your medicines. You should collect your medicines from a community pharmacy or dispensing doctor in the usual way.

NEW FRONT DOORS

The practice has recently had automatic front doors installed at Nettleham and want to thank the Nettleham Patient Participation Group for their kind donation which has helped fund this improvement.

ARMED FORCES VETERAN FRIENDLY ACCREDITATION SCHEME

The practice has recently been working towards the following scheme which has been devised by NHS England and RCGP. We were delighted to hear this week that we have been successful in our application and are now a Veteran Friendly practice.



Armed Forces Veteran friendly accredited GP practice

CONTACT DETAILS

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