



## **Good news:**

Your healthcare provider is now e-prescribing.

## **Even better news:**

Filling your prescription just got quicker and easier

**You may have already heard the good news: our office is now fully equipped to e-prescribe. E-prescriptions are computer-generated prescriptions created by your healthcare provider and sent directly to your pharmacy. Instead of writing out your prescription on a piece of paper, he or she can type it directly into a handheld or desktop computer. Your prescription then travels from our office to the pharmacy's computer.**

E-prescriptions are:

**Fast** -Your prescription arrives at your pharmacy before you leave our office.

**Convenient** - No extra trip to the pharmacy to drop off your paper prescription

**Legible** - There is no handwriting for the pharmacist to interpret.

**Secure** – E-prescriptions are sent electronically through a private, secure, and closed network --not over the internet or in open e-mail.

### **Will my prescription be ready when I arrive at the pharmacy?**

Not necessarily. Your e-prescription certainly has a head start, arriving at the pharmacist before you do. However, the time it takes to fill can still be affected by things like the number of prescriptions in the pharmacy's computer and how many people are waiting ahead of you.

### **Can you send my prescription to any pharmacy I choose?**

Yes. Nearly all chain pharmacies and many independent ones accept e-prescriptions. Those that don't can receive the prescription by fax.

### **What if I don't know where I'm filling my prescription?**

We can always print a computer generation prescription for you to hand carry to the pharmacy.

### **What about my privacy?**

The privacy of the personal health information contained in all prescriptions, written or electronic, is protected by a federal law and state laws. The federal law is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA, which requires your personal health information be shared only for the purpose of providing you with clinical care. E-prescriptions meet this requirement.

**E-prescriptions will soon be the standard for how medicine is prescribed, nation-wide. If you have any other questions, just ask us. There's also more information on [www.learnabouteprescriptions.com](http://www.learnabouteprescriptions.com)**