

ONLINE SCRIPT REQUESTS

What is a script appointment?

These are brief phone telehealth appointments to organise a limited supply of medication when running short before your next scheduled GP review. To ensure safe and inappropriate prescribing, your usual doctor is required to briefly review your file before an appointment can be booked.

When can I request a script appointment?

For ongoing regular medications (maximum 3) **and** when you have seen your GP in the last 6 months.

Which medications are generally excluded from 'script appointments'?

- Hormone therapy and contraception
- Strong pain killers or addictive medications such as benzodiazepines, codeine, opioid drugs (such as Endone, Targin and Palexia)
- Medications that require the Doctor to phone for PBS Authority Approval
- When you need to discuss medication use or discontinuation

Why can't I have more medication?

The Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) only allows a maximum supply for 6 months. Taking regular medications infers you have a chronic health issue and six monthly reviews provide an opportunity to ensure that your health is being managed and monitored safely.

Plan ahead

Being familiar with our patients' individual health needs and maintaining continuity of care is important to minimise prescription errors and drug interactions. Please ensure you have an appointment booked with your regular GP when you have been dispensed your last supply of medication.

Further questions?

Email <u>practice@bluffroadmedical.com.au</u> or use our Live Chat Service. Please be aware that our administration team is unable to provide medical advice.