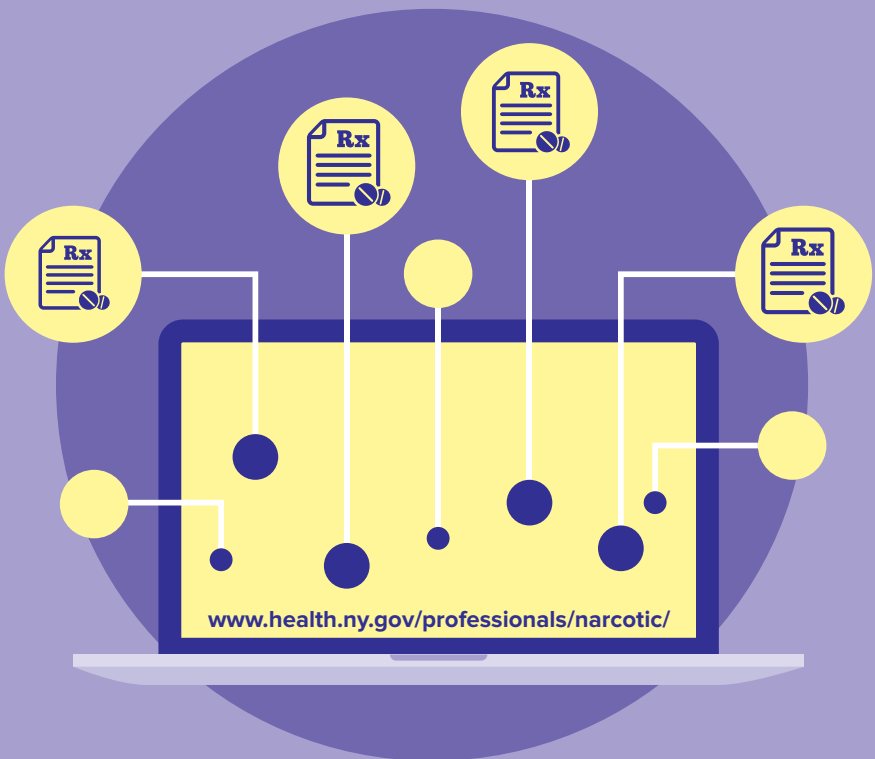


# What is Electronic Prescribing?



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:

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