

Pharmacists

working

for a

healthier Scotland



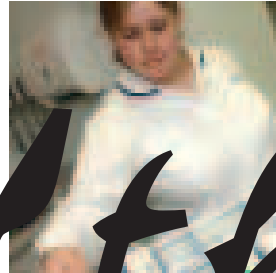
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600,000 people visit a
pharmacy in Scotland
every day

with no appointment
necessary



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Making Scotland healthier

We all want Scotland to be a healthier place in which to live and work.

Members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland have been providing care to the public on the safe and effective use of medicines for over 150 years.

Today, Scotland's 4,000 pharmacists are working in the community and hospitals as well as in education, research and industry to provide ever higher standards of care.



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New services are being pioneered by the profession including proactive advice on healthy living, information on sexual health, and healthcare for substance misusers. Pharmacists work in all areas of healthcare, from intensive care units and oncology wards in hospitals right through to counselling on smoking cessation and advice on complementary medicines.

Pharmacy is at the heart of every community, leading the effort to ensure that healthcare services are targeted to meet the needs of patients.

“ When I was in hospital the doctor came to me with a pharmacist and said that she would be helping me take my medicine. With them working together I feel I know a lot more about the pills I take. ”

“ I really don't know what I would do if they took my local pharmacy away. The nearest big town is miles away and I go to the pharmacy nearly every day. ”



Health in the high street

Scotland's 1,150 community pharmacies see approximately 600,000 people every day with no appointment necessary.

At any time a typical community pharmacy might expect to help 1,000 people with chronic diseases such as asthma, diabetes or hypertension, 750 elderly people, 600 carers, 200 people with physical or mental disability, 300 children aged under five, 50 pregnant women, 20 people suffering from cancer, six people with a major psychiatric illness, six substance misusers and at least two people with HIV or AIDS. The skills of pharmacists are being used to develop expanded pharmaceutical care for groups such as the mentally ill and frail elderly.

The national network of pharmacies ensures that pharmacists are available to all Scots, whether in towns or cities or in our remote communities.



The pharmacy in the high street is a walk-in health centre where people receive advice and treatment day in, day out: a true resource in Scottish public health.



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Medicine matters

Scotland and its people have a proud record in the development of medicines - from chloroform, to penicillin, beta-blockers to atracurium.

Continuing advances in research and modern medicines mean that Scots can now expect to live longer with a better quality of life. Pharmacists are working with other healthcare professionals to ensure that medicines are used safely, effectively and efficiently.

Further improvements could be made to patient health and safety with a greater role for pharmacy in prescribing and the use of medicines.

After all, no other health professional knows more about medicines than the pharmacist.



For more information on how pharmacy is improving Scotland's health contact the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland at info@rpsis.com

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