



Belconnen Medical Centre

Home Medicine Review Information

What is a Home Medicine Review?

This is an important new service designed to help you and your doctor manage your medicines better. It enables both your doctor and pharmacist to work together using their specific skills and insights to achieve improved outcomes for people taking medications.

Why is this important?

A home medicine review is important as your doctor or pharmacist may have inadequate information about other medications that you have been taking whether these are prescription or non prescription medications.

You may have medication related problems that have not been reported. Having a medication review can help reduce medication related problems, improve outcomes and reduce costs.

What are the steps in a Home Medication Review?

1. Your doctor/nurse obtains your consent and organises a referral to your preferred accredited pharmacist.
2. The Pharmacist will arrange a convenient time to visit you in your home. He/She will conduct a clinical assessment of information and prepare a report. During this time the following issues should be addressed:
 - Any concerns you have with your medications
 - Your complete medication history including non-prescription medications.
 - Dose and drug related issues including correct dosage and timing of dose, expired medications, storage of medications
 - Patient management issues including: overuse or under use of medications, misunderstanding, confusion or problems with purpose or use
 - Need for patient education, explain medicines fully – what they do and how they work, give you advice and information
3. Your doctor and the pharmacist discuss the report findings and suggested management strategies
4. You will be recalled for another appointment with your doctor to discuss your medication plan.

This consultation will be bulk billed through Medicare only if a valid card is shown at the time of the visit.