Dental Prescribing: Where to get medicines for your dental condition

Where should I get my prescription from?
Your **dentist** is the right person to recommend and prescribe medicines for your dental condition.

Please do not ask your GP to prescribe medicines that are best accessed via your dentist.

**Dental treatment as an NHS patient**
There is a nationally agreed list of medicines that you can be prescribed on an NHS prescription by your dentist where clinically necessary. A number of these medicines are only available on a prescription.

Your dentist can advise you of any non-prescription medicines that you need which you won’t need a prescription for, and direct you to places you can buy them over the counter e.g. a pharmacy.

**Urgent NHS dental treatment and care out of hours**
If you think you might need urgent treatment, contact your dentist on their normal number. If you do not have a regular dentist, you can get urgent care, or be treated out of hours, if clinically necessary.

If you already have details of your local urgent dental service, call them. If not, call NHS 111 by dialling 111 for free from any landline or mobile. Alternatively, contact NHS England on 0300 311 2233.

**Dental treatment as a private patient**
Your dentist can give you a private prescription for medicines that you need to treat your dental condition. This will be for medicines that are only available on a prescription.

Your dentist can advise you of any medicines that you need which you won’t need a prescription for, and direct you to places you can buy them over the counter e.g. a pharmacy.

Medicines recommended as part of your dental treatment as a private patient cannot be prescribed on an NHS prescription by either your dentist or your GP.

**How to find an NHS dentist**
To get NHS dental treatment, contact a dental practice that provides NHS dentistry and ask for an NHS appointment.

If you are having difficulty finding an NHS dentist you can call NHS England on 0300 311 2233 or visit NHS Choices at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).