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The benefits of eRD for patients, GP practices and community pharmacy teams are many and include:

Patients	GP practices	Community pharmacies
 <p>Patients don't need to contact their GP practice to regularly reorder prescriptions, unless their condition changes</p>	 <p>GPs have less need to sign repeat prescriptions, simplifying the process</p>	 <p>Improved stock control: eRD batch issues are downloaded seven days early, allowing preparation time</p>
 <p>Patients' time is saved in ordering medicines and patients don't need to remember to order their prescription so far in advance</p>	 <p>eRD allows the prescriber to issue a batch of repeatable prescriptions for up to 12 months with one digital signature</p>	 <p>Increased efficiency and more predictable workload</p>
 <p>Patients talk with their pharmacy team about future supplies and the pharmacy team help check circumstances haven't changed since the previous supply</p>	 <p>Pharmacy teams are required to ask patients if they require all items on their prescription before every issue, to avoid medicines wastage</p>	 <p>Reduced time spent collecting paper prescriptions from GP practices</p>
 <p>Patients are asked whether they require all the items on their prescription to avoid medicines being wasted</p>	 <p>eRD puts the prescriber in control and reduces the risk of unneeded items being reordered</p>	 <p>Pharmacy teams use their clinical skills to manage eRD prescriptions, which helps to enhance their relationship with patients and prescribers</p>
 <p>Patients can change their EPS nomination at any time during the duration of the eRD prescription</p>	 <p>The prescriber can cancel a single item or the whole prescription at any time</p>	 <p>No need to retain and store paper prescriptions</p>
 <p>Patients can request the next issue early or obtain more than one prescription where clinically appropriate, e.g. going on holiday</p>	 <p>There will be a reduction in the number of patient requests for repeat prescriptions or queries about them</p>	 <p>Electronic submission reduces the month-end submission workload</p>
 <p>Patients cannot lose their prescriptions</p>	 <p>It saves the prescriber time and allows prescription batches to coincide with dates where a clinical review is required</p>	 <p>Prescriptions are automatically cancelled when the Personal Demographics Service (PDS) is updated with notification of a death</p>

Read more about eRD:

- cpe.org.uk/eRD