What do I need to know about electronic prescriptions (e -scripts)?

There are some new digital innovations for scripts. They should make it easier to keep track of medicines from a phone, tablet or computer. They will help patients, pharmacies, doctors and the ACCHO health team make sure everyone gets the right medicine when needed. You can use this information to educate your team and community.

For Health Professionals

- You can generate e-scripts to be sent to your patient via SMS or email from your prescribing software, at the patients request.

- You can still generate paper scripts, but electronic and paper scripts are not interchangeable, you must choose one or the other.

- Repeats will be issued to the patient in the same format from pharmacies. You can not switch formats during the life of that script.

- Options are being made available with Active Script Lists (ASL) to consolidate e-scripts into a single list for clients who require multiple medicines and those that find it difficult to manage e-script tokens. Patients can access items on the ASL by validating their ID at their pharmacy without needing to present emails or SMS.

For Community
"Tell your mob about e-scripts"

- If you want, you can now get an e-script instead of a paper script, in most parts of Australia.

- Your doctor can send the script to you as a QR code in an SMS or email to get your medicine from a pharmacy.

- Repeat scripts are returned to your phone or email as a new QR code.

- You can forward your e-script QR code to a family member or carer, so they can help collect medicines.

- An Active Script List (ASL) is being developed to save you keeping track of SMS, emails and repeats.

- Validate your ID with your pharmacy to set up your ASL. Scripts are automatically added to your ASL, unless you ask your doctor not to add it.

- If you live in a remote area, electronic scripts may not yet be available for medicines through the S100 Remote Area AHS scheme.

  To find out more visit:
  www.digitalhealth.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/electronic-prescriptions