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Dear Patient

As of the 1st April 2019, The Home Office have reclassified Pregabalin and Gabapentin as a Scheduled 3 Controlled Drug. As a result, the practice has changed the prescribing policy in line to meet with these changes. The following changes will take effect as of 1st April 2019:

- Prescription will need to be collected from the surgery or pharmacy by the patient or representative and will no longer be sent electronically to the nominated pharmacy. Please speak to your community pharmacy.
- Identification will be needed when collecting prescriptions from the surgery/pharmacy.
- Maximum number of day supply will be 28 days.
- Pregabalin and Gabapentin will no longer appear on the repeat prescription. They will have to be separately requested each month either by completing a prescription request slip at the reception desk, adding it to the repeat template manually or adding to the message box when ordering through System Online.
- Some branded versions of Pregabalin and Gabapentin include:
  - Lyrica
  - Alzain
  - Axalid
  - Lecaent
  - Neurontin

If you have any queries, please speak to our reception team or speak to your local community pharmacy.

Yours Sincerely

Practice Pharmacist

On behalf of the partners at Forest House Medical Centre