

**You may request a prescription or blood forms in the following way:**

- By calling 01793 604204
- By emailing [gwh.meds.dawn@nhs.net](mailto:gwh.meds.dawn@nhs.net)
- By post

Please leave your Name, date of birth, hospital number, and the names, and doses of medication required.

When emailing please check to see that an automated reply has been received.

The hospital address is:

DAWN Prescription Service  
Rheumatology Department  
Osprey Unit  
The Great Western Hospital  
Swindon  
SN3 6BB

Your Hospital Number is

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Please quote this number when you call to place an order.

Leaflets available in other languages and formats – to request a copy, please contact 01793 604031 or email [gwh.pals@nhs.net](mailto:gwh.pals@nhs.net).

Smoking is not permitted on any NHS site in England. Thank you for your cooperation.

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# Patient Information Leaflet

## DAWN Blood Monitoring and Prescription Service

### DAWN Prescription Line 01793 604204

## Welcome to the Rheumatology Department DAWN Database at the Great Western Hospital

At the Great Western Hospital, we have a computer system for monitoring blood results. This is called DAWN after the company who manage the system.

You have been prescribed a drug for your arthritis, known as a disease modifying anti rheumatic drug or DMARD.

Your consultant will have explained to you why you need it, and its possible side effects. It will be prescribed from the DAWN Prescription Service at the Hospital.

**Whilst taking your medication, it is essential for your safety, to have regular blood tests.**

The only exception is if you have been prescribed **Hydroxychloroquine/Plaquenil on its own**, in which case, a blood test just before your consultant appointment will be enough. Your consultant will tell you at your clinic appointment how often you need to have a blood test.

Once you have started a DMARD medication your details will be entered onto the DAWN system and your blood results will then be monitored along with your prescription requests.

## Where can I get a blood test?

You may attend your General Practitioner (GP) surgery or the Hospital for your blood tests.

The Rheumatology Department will inform you of any abnormal blood results which may need us to make changes to your medication. Your blood forms will be sent out along with your prescription to your home address.

**If you miss a blood test, the computer will alert us. We do not always send out reminder letters. You should therefore be aware that if you are behind with your blood testing, a repeat prescription cannot be issued until you have had a blood test.**

## For your information

We do not prescribe anti-inflammatories or other medications such as Prednisolone/Diclofenac, these must be obtained via your General Practitioner (GP), as should any other prescribed medicines which you may take.

## Repeat Prescriptions

The Rheumatology Department will prescribe your Disease Modifying Anti Rheumatic Drugs through the DAWN system. These medications include:

- Methotrexate
- Folic acid (vitamin supplement)
- Azathioprine
- Hydroxychloroquine
- Salazopyrin
- Leflunomide
- Cyclosporin
- Mycophenolate Mofetil (Cellcept)

Your prescription will be posted to you at your home address; it will provide up to a 3-month supply of medication, with sufficient blood forms for the same time period.

Please allow 10 days for your prescription to arrive.