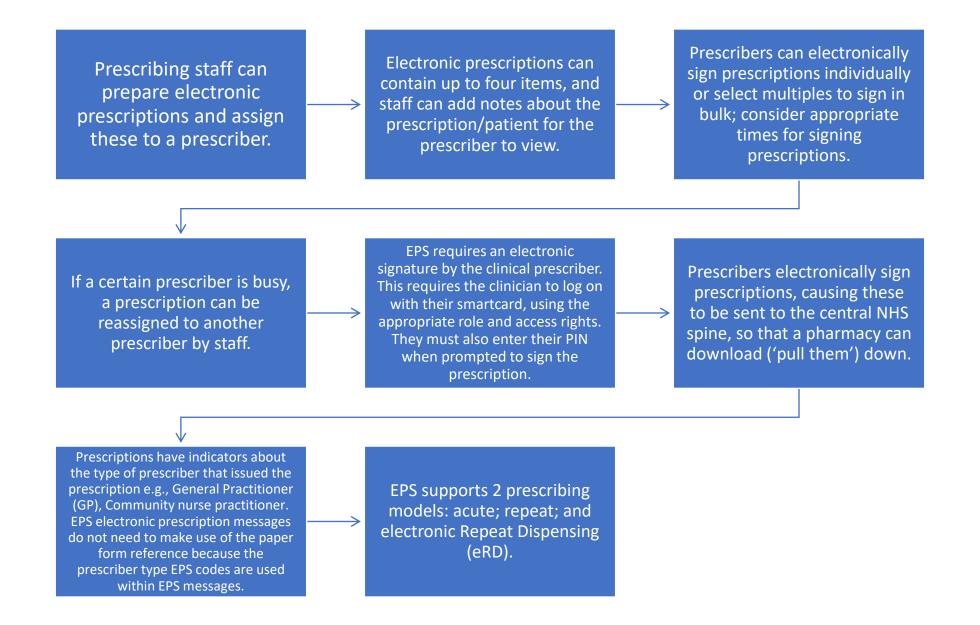
EPS for Prescribers





EPS for Dispensers



Medicines Assembly

While the prescription is being prepared and is awaiting collection, there is no requirement to update the prescription status on Spine.

Accuracy Check

It is for the pharmacy contractor to determine how the accuracy check in the dispensing process is undertaken, including when dispensing electronic prescriptions received via EPS.

Options include:

Checking against the prescribed information on screen: Difference pharmacy systems will display the prescribed information in different ways on screen. Systems will record both the prescribed information (from EPS) and the dispensed information (entered by user where different from prescribed item). It is important for system suppliers to make it very clear to the user when they are viewing prescribed information and dispensed information.

Checking against the prescription or dispensing token: System suppliers have been mandated to print specific information from the electronic prescription message on to the dispensing token without any information being edited.

Checking against dispensing labels: As dispensing labels may be edited there is a risk to patient safety if an accuracy check is undertaken against dispensing labels.

EPS for Patients



Most prescriptions for medicines and essential supplies are now signed, sent and processed electronically.

Patients have 2 options for how this works:

Choose a pharmacy or dispenser to dispense all prescriptions. Anytime a prescription is issued it will be sent electronically to the dispenser chosen. Medicines and/or essential supplies can then be collected without having to hand in a paper prescription.

Each time a prescription is issued the patient can decide where to have the electronic prescription sent. When a prescription is issued, the patient will be given a paper copy that can be taken to any pharmacy in England. This will contain a unique barcode that will be scanned to download the prescription from the secure NHS database