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Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)

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What is EPS?

EPS allows prescribers to send prescriptions electronically to a community pharmacy of the patient's choice. This makes the prescribing and dispensing process more efficient and convenient for patients and staff.



Scope of EPS

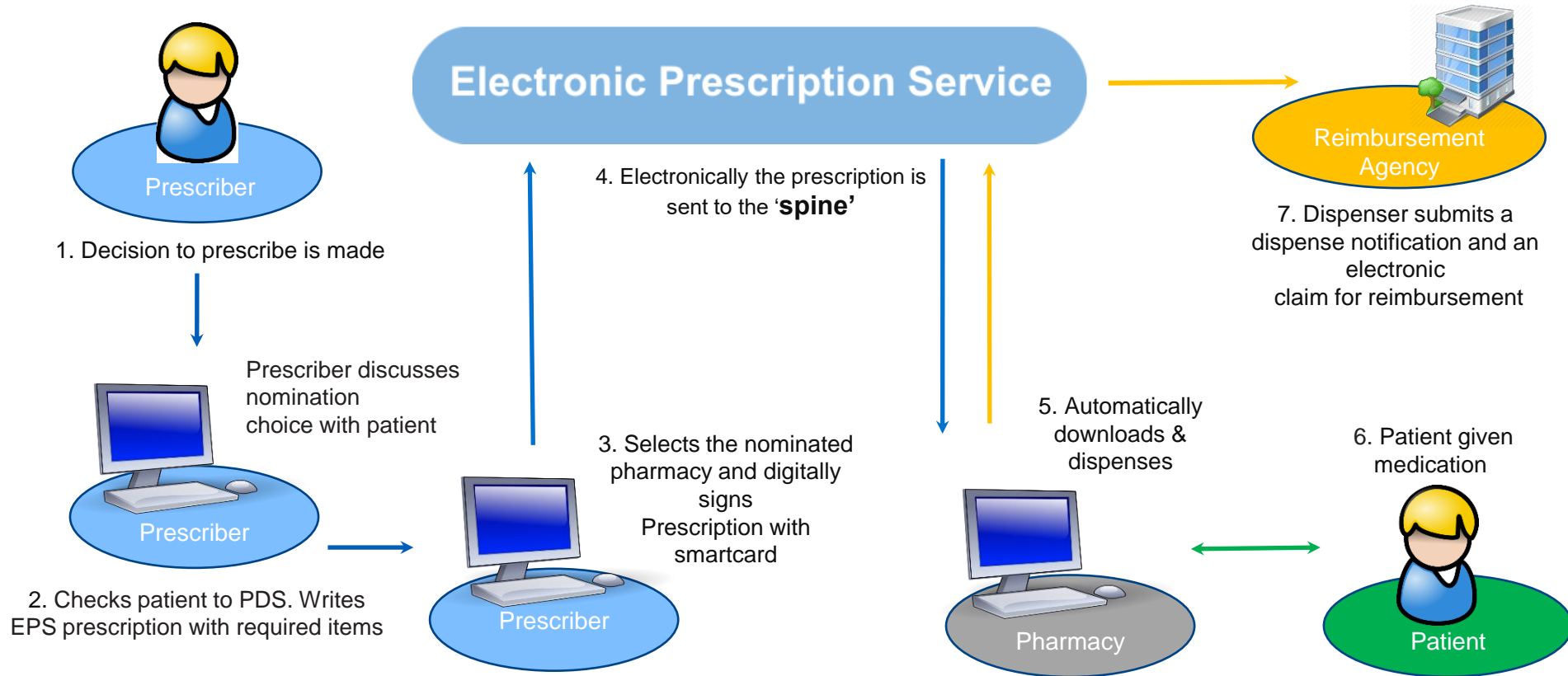
EPS can be used to replace outpatient prescribing performed on FP10 (handwritten or printed) prescriptions, dispensed by a community pharmacy. Including:

- Schedule 2, 3 & 4 controlled drugs
- Medical, Nurse and other non-medical prescribers

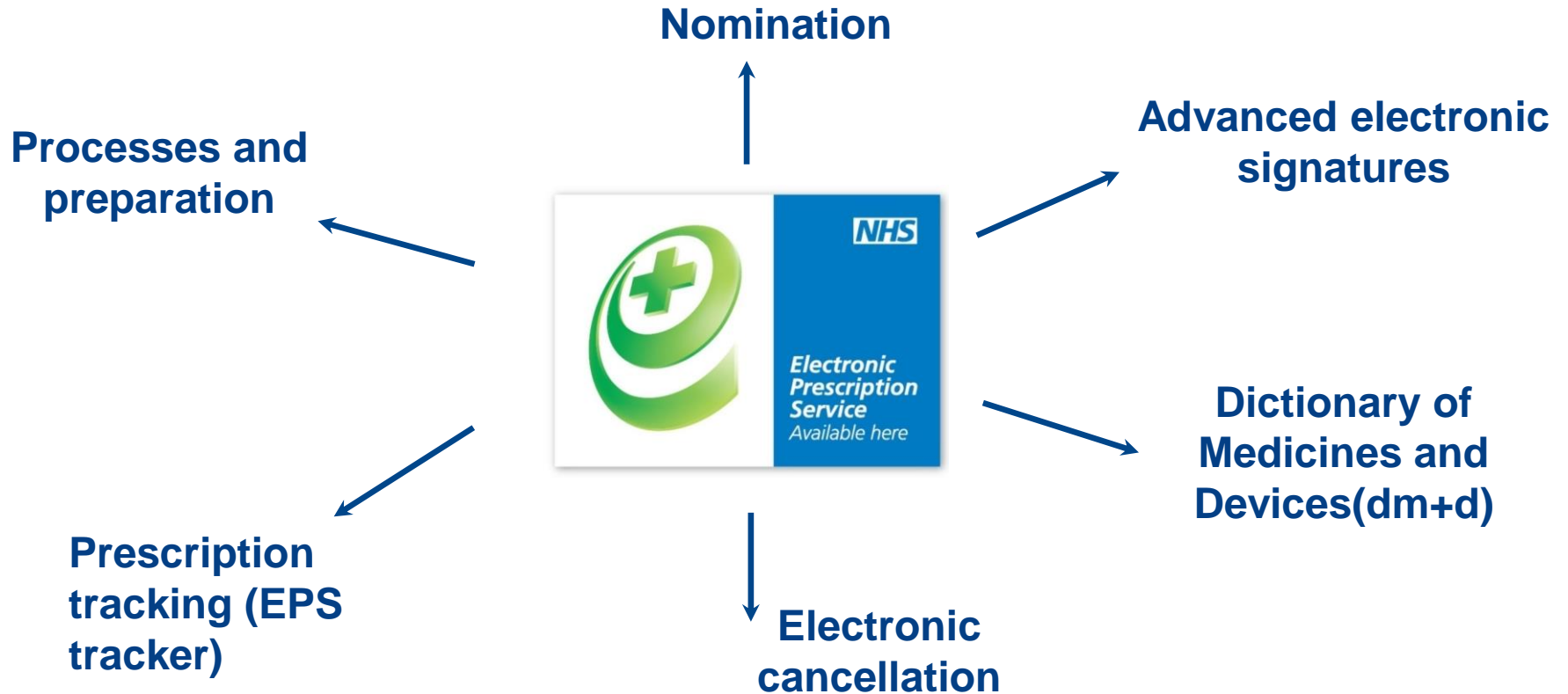
Current exclusions:

- Internal hospital pharmacy dispensing
- Instalment prescribing/dispensing
- Homecare prescribing
- Items not mapped to the dictionary of medicines and devices (dm+d)

What happens with an EPS Prescription?



EPS Features Overview



Nomination

- Patients can choose where they wish to nominate
- Nomination is held on the patients PDS record.
- A regular pharmacy nomination can only be changed/removed by a primary care service (GP practice) or any pharmacy with patient consent
- If patient wishes, “one off” nomination can be used to send a prescription to a pharmacy without affecting usual nomination.
- If no nomination available, then a none nominated script can be sent and patient can go to any pharmacy.



Advanced electronic signatures

- Advanced electronic signatures are unique to individual prescribers and are applied using their smartcard and passcode
- It is the application of the advanced electronic signature to the electronic message that turns it into an electronic prescription (legal entity).
- the user's smartcard profile and their prescribing codes form the electronic signature



Dictionary of medicines and devices (dm+d)

The NHS Dictionary of Medicines and Devices (dm+d) is the standard for transferring medicine and medical device information between clinical systems. It is also required for all EPS prescribing.

- EPS uses “Product- based” prescribing, whereby a specific product (generic or branded) must be selected and will contain the Product description, strength and form. For example:

(dm+d product)

Paracetamol, 500mg, tablets + Quantity + dosage
instructions

Cancelling EPS prescriptions

- Prescriptions can be cancelled from the prescribing system (complete prescription only)
- Cancellations applied when prescription is on the NHS Spine
- Prescriptions downloaded by the pharmacy need to be 'returned to the spine' for a cancellation to take effect.
- Cancellation messages are returned by NHS Spine to the prescribing system confirming outcome:
 - Successful cancellation
 - Unsuccessful cancellation, prescription is with the dispenser
 - Unsuccessful cancellation, prescription has been dispensed

EPS prescription tracker



Activity code B0278

Find by Prescription ID ?

** Denotes required field*

* Prescription ID

Clear

Enter Prescription Details ?

** Denotes required field*

* Start Date Range to

Prescription Version Status

*** One of these fields must be populated*

** NHS Number

Search Results ?

10 records per page

<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription ID	Status	Issue Date	Prescription Treatment Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	5A9047-Y06881-000944	Claimed	19-Oct-2021	Acute Prescription (0001)

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

Processes and preparation

Support website (NHS England)

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/electronic-prescription-service>

- Smartcards - User access and electronic signing
- Prescriber setup
- dm&d mapping complete
- Staff training
- Business continuity
- EPS Comms to staff, patients, pharmacy

Questions

