

Patient Information:

Pharmacy Services

SHC PHARMACY - MCCOMAS HALL

The Schiffert Health Center (SHC) Pharmacy is staffed by registered pharmacists. Instructions are given on the proper use of prescribed medication and printed drug information is provided.

ELIGIBILITY

Students enrolled at Virginia Tech who have paid the Health Services Fee. Family members are not eligible.

HOURS

Mon., Tues., & Fri. 8:30am – 5:00pm

Wed. & Thurs..... 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday 9:30am – 12:00pm

Summer sessions and vacation hours may vary.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Basic medications are included in the SHC drug list. Birth control and STD prevention methods (oral and injectable contraceptives, condoms, and spermicides) are also available. Over-the-counter drugs are offered through our self-care cold clinic as a convenience to our students.

Prescriptions

Prescriptions may be brought to the pharmacy and filled while you wait. New prescriptions written by outside providers must first be taken to Medical Records for ID validation.

Charges

Most items are covered by the Health Service Fee. Charged items are billed through Accounts Receivable as "Pharmacy Service" (purchases are not itemized). Payment is made to Accounts Receivable, 150 Student Services Building.

Prescription Refills

Within the constraints of our drug list, medications for short-term illness are provided free of charge. In general, long-term (more than 30 days) prescriptions must be purchased at a retail pharmacy.

The pharmacists are available for additional patient

consultation. **Ask questions about your prescriptions.** Be certain you know why you are taking a particular medication and how long to take it.

QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK YOUR PHARMACIST**♦ What is the name of the medication, and what is it supposed to do?**

Know the names of your medications, both prescription and non-prescription. If you see more than one physician, always inform them of other medications you are taking. This will help ensure that the medication that you take is appropriate for your condition

♦ When and how do I take it?

Examples of questions to ask are: Should I take this medication on an empty stomach or with food? At the same time every day? How often should I take it?

♦ Should I avoid using alcohol? Should I avoid any other drugs or foods?

Your prescription medication may interact with other drugs with harmful effects. Certain foods or alcohol may also interact with drug products. Never begin taking a new medication, prescription or non-prescription, without asking your pharmacist if it will interact with your other medications.

♦ Should I expect any side effects?

All medications can cause side effects but if you experience *unexpected* side effects, contact your physician or pharmacist. **Read the medication *handout*.**

HOW TO SUCCEED WITH YOUR MEDICINE

Always, Without Exception:

- ♦ Read labels carefully and follow instructions.
- ♦ Ask your pharmacist when in doubt.
- ♦ Store drugs in a cool, dry place, i.e., a dresser drawer.

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- ♦ Antibiotics - take all unless otherwise instructed. Resistant organisms develop easily with partial usage.

Discard prescriptions within 2-3 months unless there is a visible expiration date on your container.

If for any reason, you have some unused antibiotic, discard them immediately!

Keep our pharmacy informed about current drug allergies, chronic medical conditions, and current medications in use.

RISKY BUSINESS!

Sharing Medications may cause serious problems.

Don't Do It!
