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Your First Visit with the Clinic Pharmacist

What to expect and what to bring

What is a clinic pharmacist?

Community pharmacists work in a pharmacy to dispense medicines. A *clinic pharmacist* works directly with patients and other providers, usually in a medical center, hospital, or clinic.

UW Medicine clinic pharmacists:

- Have advanced training and experience in direct patient care
- Are the medicine experts on your care team
- Are able to manage chronic diseases, order and read lab tests, and adjust medicine doses
- Schedule regular in-person visits with patients
- Make sure your medicines are safe and will work for your needs

What will happen at my first visit?

You and your clinic pharmacist will talk about your health conditions and medicines. Our main goals for your first visit are to:

- Talk about your healthcare goals and plans to reach them
- Create a medicine list that tells exactly how to take your medicines at home
- Teach you how to safely take your medicines and use devices such as insulin and inhalers
- Refer you to other care providers, if needed



Be sure to ask your clinic pharmacist any questions you have about your medicines.

Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor, healthcare provider, or clinic pharmacist if you have questions or concerns.

What do I need to bring with me?

Please bring:

- **ALL** medicine bottles
- Pill organizers or other tools you use
- A list of your questions