

# NEWS

## From Debra Snider, Office Manager

### **Understanding The New Trend of Electronic Prescriptions**

E-scribing provides a safer, more efficient way of processing prescriptions through computer based electronic transmission. Patient advantages: sends the prescription to the pharmacy of the patient's choice for fast processing, legible prescription for accurate dispensing; no lost, stolen, or misplaced paper prescription by patient; improves quality of patient care by cross-checking for allergies, warnings, cautions, and interactions reducing the risk for errors. It reduces the patient's time standing in line waiting for the prescription to be filled. E-scribing shortens the time doctors and nurses spend on phone calls regarding prescriptions and affords them more time to spend on patient visits.

Physicians can respond to refill requests from pharmacists during off business hours or when the physician is off site.

Government along with Medicare are pushing the Quality Prescribing Initiative program to increase patient care and reduce the risks of medication errors. Eventually, making it mandatory by law.

\*Prescriptions for Schedule II drugs cannot be sent electronically and must be written out.

### **The Importance Of Being "A Compliant Patient"**

Your family physician is vitally interested in providing you with the best possible medical care you deserve. Understanding the reasons behind the physician's instructions are key to having a long and healthy doctor/patient relationship. Don't be afraid to ask the physician questions about your plan of care. The physician or staff will be happy to provide you with educational materials available regarding your treatment. Most patients are non-compliant because they do not understand the medical importance of the issue. The physician and staff will work hard to help you achieve your goal and maintain a long and healthy life. You, as the patient, must work hard to follow the physician's recommendations so that our goal and your goal for a "long and healthy life" is achieved.

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