

**Salisbury Medical Practice  
Private Policy  
KEY POINTS**

- 1) Salisbury Medical Practice will refer patients to private providers if that is the wish of the patient.
- 2) Salisbury Medical Practice will not arrange tests/investigations on behalf of private providers. It is the responsibility of the private provider to arrange these even if this is at a cost to the patient.
- 3) Drugs required for urgent administration should be prescribed by the private clinician and it should not be expected that general practice will do this. The duration of this prescription should be a minimum of 7 days.
- 4) Private providers are free to prescribe whatever they feel appropriate, however there cannot be an expectation from the provider or the patient that this will be continued in primary care. There are strict rules that GPs must follow.
- 5) If the private provider/consultant or patient wish to transfer into NHS Care, this does not require a GP referral. Private providers are expected to do this referral themselves (even if it means a consultant referring to themselves on the NHS). Requests for the GP surgery to do these referrals will be rejected.
- 6) Salisbury Medical Practice will not enter into shared care agreements for medication that require this with private providers. In these circumstances the patient should ask their private provider to refer them into an appropriate NHS service. The reason for this is that it cannot be guaranteed that a private arrangement will continue between private provider and patient.
- 7) Salisbury Medical Practice will not prescribe 'Red' medications requested or initiated by private providers at all.

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