

Child medication request



Consent form

Please print and use black or blue pen Private and confidential

Child's name:			Date of birth:	
Parent's surname if different:			Home telephone:	
Home address:				
Emergency contact names and telephone numbers:	1.	2.	3.	
Doctor's name:				
Doctor's address and phone number:				
Nature of condition or illness:				

I agree to members of staff administering medicines that have been supplied in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacy, or providing treatment or care to my child as directed below	Name in print: Parent or legal guardian with parental responsibilities
I agree to update information about my child's medical needs, held by the setting, on a regular basis	Sign:
I will ensure that the medicine held by the setting has not exceeded its expiry date	Date:
Procedures to be taken in an emergency:	

Name of medicine	Dose and instrument for administering dose eg Volumatic, EpiPen or AnaPen	Frequency and times	Completion date of course of medicines if known	Expiry date of medicine

Special instructions, medicines taken at home or allergies	
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Who has parental responsibility?

For children born before 31 November 2003

- **Mothers** automatically have parental responsibility for their children.
- **Fathers** also have parental responsibility if they were married to the mother when the child was conceived or born, or if they got married to her later.
- **Unmarried fathers** do not automatically have parental responsibility for their child, but a court order or a parental responsibility agreement can give it to them.
- **People looking after your child** like childminders or grandparents do not have parental responsibility, but you can authorise them to take medical decisions for your child, if you wish.

For children born after 1 December 2003

- Both of a child's parents have parental responsibility if they are registered on the child's birth certificate. This applies irrespective of whether the parents are married or not.
- Where the child has been formally adopted, the adoptive parents are the child's legal parents and automatically acquire parental responsibility.
- Where the child has been born as a result of assisted reproduction, there are rules under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 that determine the child's legal parentage.
- People looking after your child like childminders or grandparents do not have parental responsibility, but you can authorise them to take medical decisions for your child, if you wish.

Reference: BMA Parental Responsibility, Guidance from the Ethics Department, October 2008..

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