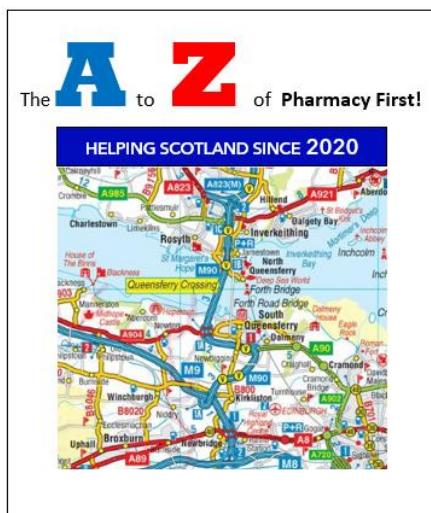




This is the EIGHTH in a series of FACTSHEETS covering....



O is for:

- **Optometrist referrals** – did you know a national two-way referral pathway between optometrists and community pharmacies has been agreed as part of the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service? This allows pharmacies and optometrists to refer patients to each other for assessment and also treatment of minor eye conditions.
- Contact your local optometrists to agree **how best to work together** – for instance, is it suitable that you contact your local optometrist by phone, whilst the patient is still in the pharmacy to confirm availability of an appointment, which provides a better patient journey?

P is for:

- **PCAs regarding Optometrist/Pharmacy referrals** – please ensure you've read the most up-to-date joint Scottish Government Circulars – **PCA(P)(2021)17 & PCA(O)(2021)11** - a copy of which can be found on the CPS website here: <https://www.cps.scot/news/circular-pcap202117>

The PCAs also include an updated **Patient Referral Form**.

FUN PHARMACY FACT:



Glyceryl trinitrate (GTN) belongs in the class of medications known as nitrates. GTN is now used to manage angina. In fact, it is the same thing as the explosive nitroglycerin – used to make dynamite and gunpowder. The name glyceryl trinitrate was chosen by the medical community to avoid alarming patients who were aware that nitroglycerin was an explosive!

This info is also attached as a PDF to make it easy to print off and keep handy in the pharmacy.

Kind regards,

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