



LOXWOOD MEDICAL PRACTICE

Your partner for a healthier future

Friends of Loxwood Medical Practice Newsletter January 2016

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER FOR 2015 DESIGNED TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF UPDATES OR CHANGES TO PRACTICE WORKING

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RESEARCH READY

We are very proud to announce that the Royal College of General Practitioners have certified that Loxwood Medical Practice has achieved the status of 'Research Ready'.



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This means we can conduct high quality clinical research to help improve NHS care and find out what treatments work best.

In our Practice you may be asked to take part in a clinical research study. Taking part in a clinical research study is voluntary and can be a rewarding experience. To find out about local clinical research studies go to www.ukctg.nihr.ac.uk



DIARY DATES

Periodically the Practice will close to enable us to meet with other NHS clinicians and administration staff to update any skills. During 2016 we will be closed for the afternoon on the following days from approximately 12.30-5.30;

- Wed 10th February
- Thurs 10th March
- Tues 17th May
- Wed 29th June
- Thurs 14th July
- Wed 28th September
- Thurs 13th October
- Thurs 17th November

During this time you will need to call the 'Out of Hours' team. Their telephone number does change please call our reception and listen to the message which will give the correct telephone number for these events. During the weekend or evening you must call 111.

We will also be closed for the whole day during the Easter holidays, on 25th and 28th March.



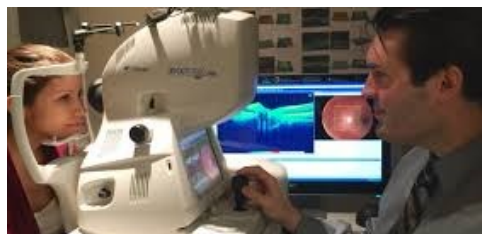
MOBILE RETINAL SCREENING

We are delighted to announce that we are going to be the first GP surgery within our CCG to have mobile 'Diabetes Retinal Eye Screening' here at Loxwood.

For many years our patients with Diabetes have had to travel to clinics as far away as Midhurst and Worthing, for their annual eye reviews. Considering the limitations on driving after an eye screening consultation this proves very inconvenient and for this reason many do not attend appoint-

ments that are vital to maintaining healthy eyes.

Patients who are due a review will receive an appointment letter in the post as normal. The first clinic visit will be the week commencing 11th April 2016, here at Loxwood Medical Practice.



ONLINE ACCESS

National guidelines have changed regarding our online services. Soon you will be able to access and view parts of your medical record as well as the regular booking appointments and ordering medications. Due to these changes there has been an update to the software for SystmOnline.

The front 'home' screen has changed slightly. This has caused a few minor errors, when ordering repeat medication. After selecting the 'Medication' title from the home screen, you then proceed to the 'Medication' section, where you can choose what you want to do, such as view your past requests or order medication.



If you are ordering more medication, you must first select the round circle, then a box will appear by the name of the medication you can order. Tick the box next to the medication you wish to request. Then click the 'Request Medication' box at the bottom of the page.

This takes you to another screen which enables you to check that what you have requested is correct. You must select the 'Request Medication' box at the bottom **again**. Finally this takes you to the last screen which confirms your order has been sent. You have the choice to print a confirmation for your records.

IMPORTANT: *If you do not see the last confirmation page, your request has not been finalised and the dispensary will not have received your order request.*

