**Changes to Pregabalin and Gabapentin Prescriptions From 1st April 2019**

If you take Pregabalin or Gabapentin please read the below changes:

From the **1st April 2019** in following with Government regulations **Pregabalin and Gabapentin** will be classified as a Schedule 3 Controlled drug due to concerns raised surrounding their potential misuse.

**This will mean for patients:**

* Prescriptions will be limited to a maximum 30 day supply.
* The patient or patient’s representative will need to sign if collecting the prescription from the GP practice.
* Prescriptions MUST be dispensed and collected in full within 28 days of the date on the prescription.
* All ‘owings’ must be collected from the pharmacy within the same 28 days.
* Proof of identity will be required when collecting your prescription from the community pharmacy.
* Emergency supplies will no longer be able to be given by the community pharmacies if you run out e.g. over weekend.

If you have a prescription for either Pregabalin or Gabapentin that is dated before the 1st April 2019 it must be dispensed and collected in full (including owings) before this date otherwise it will no longer be valid.