Three Chequers Medical Practice:

Endless Street Surgery Porton and Old Sarum Surgery Three Swans Surgery Winterslow Surgery



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01722 336441 (Monday to Friday 8.00am – 6.30pm)

If you require advice outside of these hours or at Weekends and Bank Holidays dial **NHS 111** for non-urgent medical advice at any time

For medical emergencies and life threatening situations call 999 or go to <u>A & E at Salisbury District Hospital: open 24 hours/ 365 days a year</u>

Or, try your local Pharmacy for advice on minor illnesses? Salisbury Walk in Centre is open evenings and weekends for non-urgent care. Or, visit <u>www.patient.co.uk</u> and browse the site for non-urgent medical advice

Welcome to Three Chequers Medical Practice and thank you for choosing us. Our website contains all the information and advice you need so please log on and read about all our services.

Registering, after checking to ensure you are within our boundary, (www.3chequers.co.uk) you can register in person at any of our Practices. You will need to bring two forms of identification (at least one of which must have a photo and current address – like a driving license – and the other must be either Photo ID or Address verification – a passport or recent utility bill).

To reduce delay in baby's needs, **new born babies** need to be registered as soon as possible (the midwife is able to provide you with a new baby registration pack).

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website or collected from any of our Surgeries.

We offer a vast amount of **online services** so please apply when registering. You can order repeat prescriptions, update your contact details, check results, and have access to your medical records online.

Appointments - we operate a total triage system. This means you will have an initial call from a clinician who then determines the best course of action for your query. This may be a face to face appointment or advice over the telephone. You may be asked to send in photographs of a rash etc. in order to aid in your consultation allowing us to look after your needs as quickly as possible.

To assist our clinicians, please give our receptionists as much information as you can about your medical concerns or request. All of our patients are seen on the same day if the Doctor deems it necessary. We ask our patients to send in photographic evidence to assist the triage Doctor with ensuring the calls are filtered correctly. Our daily triage lists are manned by Partners, Salaried Doctors, Advance Nurse Practitioners, Paramedics and Senior Nurses.

We continue to request that our patients wear their face masks whilst in the surgery. If you do not have one, our reception teams will gladly provide you with one. Although this is not a requirement for healthcare settings, we believe that this is a small ask which helps to safeguard our staff and, in turn, the service that we provide for you. Our staff will continue to wear face masks in all of our sites.

Prescriptions and Medications can be collected at either Endless Street, Porton and Old Sarum and Winterslow Surgeries. Please note: We only dispense medication to patients who live in certain outlying villages. Please ensure you have clearly instructed our clinicians where your choice of collection is or what pharmacy is your choice for collection. (Please check online for our opening hours). **Repeat prescriptions** can NOT be requested over the phone and need to be requested either online or by dropping off your repeat prescription request at least 4 working days prior to collection.

Test results are available on the results line between 2pm and 4:30pm Monday – Friday. (Note: You cannot be transferred from another department if you misdial). Some results, X-Rays for example can take up to 10 days for the results to come back. Blood results generally take around 5 days, this allows for the clinician to read the results and update your records with their next advice to you.

Samples (requested by the Doctor) can be dropped off to Three Swans, Endless Street, Porton or Winterslow <u>before midday</u> (check online for each surgeries opening times). Correct sample pots only are accepted. Please write your two forms of ID on the sample pot e.g. DOB and surname.

Annual Reviews - for those with Long Term Conditions and/or those who are on medication, annual reviews are carried out during the month of your birth. You will be contacted a month prior to your month of birth inviting you in for an appointment. This may include some tests (blood, foot checks, respiratory etc.). This will allow those results to be back in good time for a clinician to carry out your review. If you do NOT go through this procedure, then this may result in your medication being stopped.

Various Clinics - Baby immunisation Clinics, Carers Clinics, Cryotherapy, Leg Ulcer/ Dressing Clinics, Minor Operations, Well Women clinics, Travel Advice Clinics are all held regularly. Flu clinics start in September and go on for 4 months.

Private work - we carry out a limited amount of paid services. Please allow 28 days for all Non-NHS requests to be completed. If your request is complex and requires longer than one calendar month, you will be informed by the Practice. Travel vaccinations, licencing medicals, insurance reports letters to be written on your behalf etc are all chargeable and need to be requested in advance. Patients may require a medical appointment with a GP in relation to adoption, DVLA and HGV licencing. All private medical appointments are chargeable and must be paid prior to booking the appointment with a member of the Practice team. For all travel vaccinations and medical appointments please provide the Practice with 8 weeks notice. NB: Vaccinations required for Occupational Health cannot be delivered by the Practice this needs to be undertaken by your Occupational Health Department or under Private contract set up by your employer.

Rights and responsibilities. You have a right to expect a high standard of service from the Practice and we will try at all times to provide the very best medical care within the resources available. In order to assist this, we require that you take full responsibility for ensuring that you do not abuse the service. Should a patient be violent, threatening or verbally abusive to a doctor, nurse, member of staff or other persons on the premises, the doctors reserve the right, after due warning, to remove the patient from the practice list.