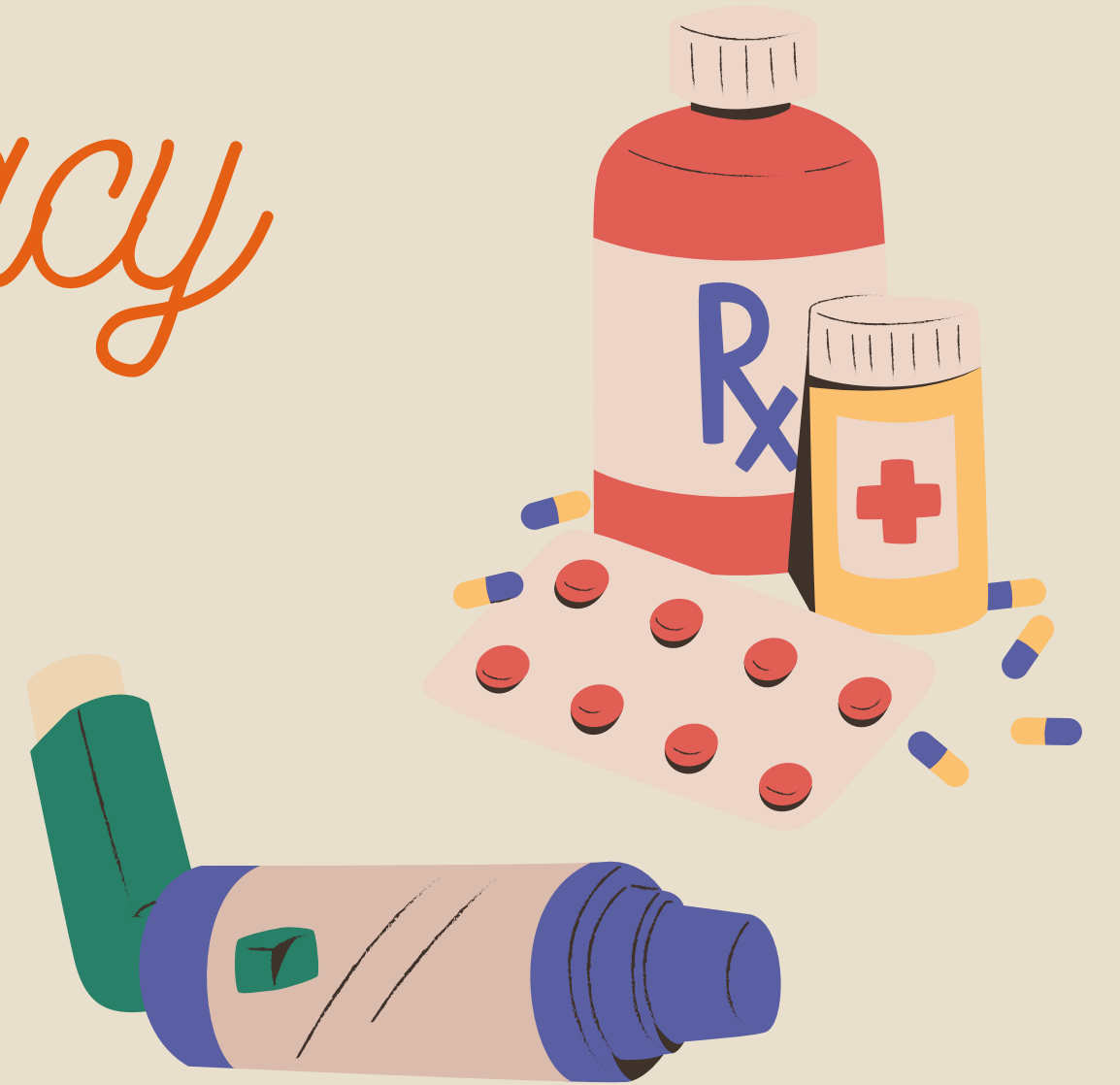


Community Pharmacy

The traditional role of community pharmacy as only dispensing prescriptions from doctors has changed. More recently, community pharmacies have developed lots of clinical services in addition to dispensing roles to allow better integration with the rest of the NHS.



In the UK, around 60% percent of community pharmacies are run by larger pharmacy chains while the remaining 40% are independently owned local pharmacies.

Community pharmacy teams use their skills and knowledge to support patients with both acute and chronic conditions and are an important part of the primary health care team, while maintaining a close relationship with secondary care (hospitals).

Daily life for a pharmacy team can involve a range of tasks... reviewing prescriptions, overseeing safe dispensing, providing treatment advice, offering public health counselling, signposting to other services, managing minor ailments, selling over the counter (OTC) medicines, liaising with other healthcare professionals, and reviewing treatment of specific conditions (eg asthma, hypertension) in GP practices.

