



## **Role of the Pharmacist**

Medication is an essential part of treating CF for the majority of patients. As an expert on the various drugs available in CF, the pharmacist will promote safe, effective and appropriate treatment. The pharmacist will work alongside you and the CF team to get the best possible results from your medication. This will be achieved through the various roles of the pharmacist which includes:

- Reviewing all medication prescribed for you, which includes both outpatient appointments and hospital stays, to ensure it is correct and safe
- Advising on the choice and appropriateness of your treatment with you and the CF team and working with you to choose the best option. They work with you to try and make taking your medication fit into your daily routine
- Advising on drug choice when allergies to drugs are an issue
- Completing a drug history when you are admitted to hospital and then ensuring all of your medication is prescribed
- Checking that you have an on-going supply of your medication whilst you are in hospital so that you do not miss any doses



- On discharge checking that you have a supply of medication that is sufficient and that it is ready in a timely manner so that it does not delay your discharge
- Advising on how to take all types of medication correctly including tablets, injections and inhalers
- Educating you on new medicines to ensure you know how to take them to get the best results
- Advising on side effects that can be caused by the medicines you take and what to do if they happen. Where possible they tell you how they can be minimised or avoided
- Monitoring treatment with medicines that require blood samples to be taken
- Working with your GP and local pharmacy to make sure that you always have a supply of your medication at home
- Organising the supply of specialist CF medications through a homecare company which will be delivered to you
- Providing a specialist CF medicines information service to you and the CF team on specialist subjects. Examples include taking medication abroad and drugs in pregnancy