We have an exciting practice update that will change the way certain appointments are booked.

**One of our Registered Nurses, Jasper, is studying to become a Nurse Prescriber** and will soon be offering appointments as a Nurse Prescriber Intern.

**How does this affect you?**

There are certain issues that you would usually have to see your doctor for as they are beyond the scope of a Registered Nurse. However, as a Nurse Prescriber Intern Jasper may now be able to see you for:

* Asthma reviews
* Hypertension (high blood pressure) reviews
* Gout reviews
* Minor skin infections
* Throat infections
* Urinary tract infections (for cis women, trans men, and AFAB non-binary people only; not cis men, trans women, or AMAB non-binary people)
* Pre-travel appointments
* Polypharmacy reviews (i.e. for people taking 5 or more medications who need their medications reviewed)
* Diabetes reviews

If you are able to see Jasper instead of your GP then your appointment will cost the standard nurse consult fee (currently $44.50). The exception to this is a pre-travel appointment, which will cost $70 if you receive vaccinations plus the price of each vaccine.

There will be no extra charge for a prescription made from your appointment with Jasper. Some appointments may also be fully funded.

Please note that you may still need to see your doctor instead of Jasper depending on your exact situation – but please feel free to ask about a Nurse Prescriber Intern appointment either via reception or our nurse line and we can let you know.

**What are the benefits of seeing a Nurse Prescribing Intern?**

* More cost-effective: you can be reviewed and get a new prescription for the cost of seeing a nurse instead of a GP
* You will be provided with an advanced, comprehensive, and detailed nursing assessment
* Receive individual and holistic care planning
* Jasper will work collaboratively with your GP, meaning your doctor will still be involved in developing your treatment plan
* More appointment availability