



Holidays



From 2018 onwards I will be taking **regular** holidays every few months and on those occasions I will be out of phone range.

The best way to find when I am on holiday is to check the website:

Go to www.opioid.com.au and then click on the link at the top – “Holidays/Clinic Closures” or “EMERGENCIES”

This will give the most up to date times when I will be away. Please check prior to coming to a drop-in clinic at 4pm especially if you come from a long distance away. I will make every effort to keep these up to date, even for urgent family travel or sick days

Remember

- THINK AHEAD, do not assume that I will always be here.
- if you are low on medication then DON'T leave it until you have run out of meds to let me know – I might not be there.
- try to plan ahead for travel as short notice may not work if I am away and your pharmacist cannot contact me.
- Your pharmacist is more likely to help you if you have a good working relationship with them for the rest of the year. This is where rude or unruly behaviour will come back to haunt you. **They are the best people to speak to when I am away.**
- I let pharmacists know I will back their decisions to change TA or provide extras for genuine emergencies, with a prescription when I get back, **BUT that doesn't mean they have to do that.** They run their own businesses and they make their own decisions and ultimately I support their decision 100% at the time. Do not argue with them or attempt to bully or intimidate them.
- Riverlands is meant to back up GP's patients when they are on holidays, but don't hold your breath... Their current policy is that you have to book to see their doctor and that can take six weeks.
- THINK AHEAD, check my holiday times, don't assume I will always be here.



Due to unforeseen events the clinic will be closed until 26 March 2018. Your pharmacists know about this and they will be prepared to help if they can. They may choose to phone me as well, but that is their decision - please do not put pressure on them.

If you have an appointment between now and then, your script will have been updated and sent to the pharmacy with a new appointment time.

There will be a drop in clinic at 4pm on 26 March and if you do not have an appointment, then please drop in then for a brief five minute appointment.

Future Holiday Closures

3 & 4 April After Easter

12-20 May

7-15 July

1-9 September

27 October to 4 November

22 December to 2 January 2019

Additional dates may be included but I will keep them as up to date as possible.

Family emergencies and sick leave will be added if they occur at short notice.