

Dickson's Pharmacy

For those of you pondering whether to try LDN, the big question is 'where will I get it from?' Your GP may give you an NHS prescription – but then again he/she may not. Some GPs have not even heard of it.

The medication has not been licensed in treating multiple sclerosis for various reasons – but then neither have other drugs often used in treating MS, such as Gabapentin and Amantadine.



Try to ensure that you take what information you have, to familiarise your gp with LDN. But once you have a prescription where do you go?

One port of call for either the capsule or liquid form of LDN is the family-owned firm Dickson Chemist in Glasgow (telephone 0141 647 8032)

One month's supply on a private prescription will cost £27.00 for either 3mg or 4.5mg in capsule form. Liquid form is cheaper at £15.00 for one month's supply.

Dickson Chemist also supplies many specialist MS medications throughout the UK, and works alongside Dr Tom Gilhooly with many UK patients – for medicines like LDN, Aimspro and dietary supplementation (Omega-3 etc).

Pharmacist Stephen Dickson, it's proprietor, said: "Tom first phoned me in 2005, to see if we could make an LDN product more cheaply than he was being quoted from other sources. Within two hours I had made a sample and sent it to his surgery for his perusal; the cost has varied from the initial £10.00 to the current £15.00

We have had various struggles along the way: fights with local pharmacists, saying we are providing it too cheaply, phone calls to America, fights with the Royal Mail, and so on. Through Linda Elsegood and the great contacts we have developed in the last year or so, we have managed to overcome all of the problems.

I have a great personal interest in MS, so we are ecstatic to be able to provide something like LDN at a very reasonable price. It has been a steep learning curve, but if we don't know the answer to something then we do our best to find out and let you know.

Anyway, I look forward to hearing from anyone currently paying more than the amounts quoted above, or new patients trying LDN for the first time. My assistant Paula is really very helpful, and her sole job Monday-Friday is to support our LDN clients."