Patient self care fact sheet – hay fever



Do you have hay fever? Speak to your pharmacist about how they can support you to self care in line with new NHS England guidance.

What can I do to help?

You can do things to ease your symptoms when the pollen count is high :

- Put petroleum jelly (e.g. Vaseline[®]) around your nostrils and wear wrap around glasses to stop pollen getting into your nose and eyes
- Shower and change your clothes after you have been outside to wash the pollen off.
- Stay indoors as much as possible and keep windows and doors shut as much as possible.
- Vacuum regularly and dust with a damp cloth

When shall I see a GP?

- If you are experiencing wheezing, breathlessness or tightness in your chest
- If your condition is not improving after using an over the counter medicine as directed in combination with measures to reduce your exposure to pollen.
- If you are pregnant or breastfeeding

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