
Your guide to healing.

Good news. You're on the
road to recovery.



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Let's help you get your life back to normal.

That's why we put together
everything you need for a
successful recovery — minus
the comfy couch and TV remote.

I went into the hospital for:

and had the following tests/procedures done:

(Your nurse can help you fill this in.)

BEFORE-I-CHECK-OUT CHECKLIST

_____ I have a **ride from** the hospital.

_____ I have a **ride to my follow-up** appointment.

_____ I have someone picking up my **prescriptions**.

_____ I have any **medical equipment** I'll need.

_____ I scheduled any **at-home services** I'll need.

My doctor is: _____

Phone number: _____

My pharmacy is: _____

Phone number: _____

My doctor or nurse also told me to:

Notes for a smoother recovery

Before you're discharged, go over these questions with your doctor or nurse. Following each step closely will help you stay healthy while you're recovering.

What medications should I take?

New medications: _____

Directions for use: _____

Continue taking: _____

Stop taking: _____

NOTE: The hospital will give you a discharge medication list. If you don't get it, ask! Be sure to mention any prescriptions you're already taking and ask whether you should continue taking them.

Do I have a follow-up appointment?

YES NO

Date and time: _____

Doctor's name: _____

Office address and phone: _____

Do I need to schedule blood work?

YES NO

Date and time: _____

Lab location: _____

What if I have a question after hours?

Phone number: _____

Do I have a wound that requires special care instructions?

YES NO

Care instructions: _____

What are my recovery do's and don'ts?

Do: _____

Don't: _____

What other lifestyle changes should I make?

_____ Stop smoking

_____ Limit alcohol

_____ Watch my diet

_____ Start exercising

_____ Join a support group

Away from the hospital

Once you leave, be sure to keep up with your care plan so you have a quick and easy recovery.

Are you taking care of yourself?

- Take your medications correctly.
- If you had surgery, keep an eye on your wound.
- Go to any follow-up appointments.
- Call your doctor if you have any questions.
- Make recommended lifestyle changes or complete physical therapy.

If you start experiencing any of the following symptoms, don't hesitate.

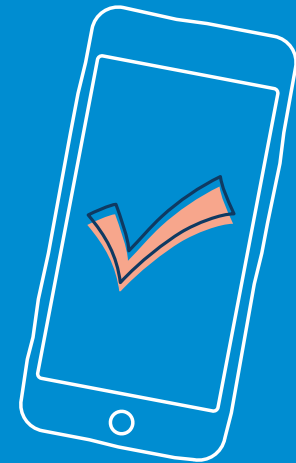
Call your doctor immediately.

- Shortness of breath
- Weight gain
- Sudden chest pain
- Confusion
- Fever or chills
- New or unusual pain, redness, or swelling

Want your follow-up at your fingertips?

Before you're discharged, find out if your hospital has an app or online records tool for patients.

A medical records app or online tool can give you your discharge instructions and information right on your phone or laptop. It's easy, and you don't have to worry about losing any paperwork.



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Room 509F, HHH Building
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ATTENTION: If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call the number on the back of your ID card (TTY: 711).

ATENCIÓN: Si usted habla español, servicios de asistencia lingüística, de forma gratuita, están disponibles para usted. Llame al número en la parte posterior de su tarjeta de identificación (TTY: 711).

请注意：如果您说中文，可向您提供免费语言协助服务。
请拨打您的身份证背面的号码（TTY：711）。

CHÚ Ý: Nếu quý vị nói tiếng Việt, chúng tôi cung cấp dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí cho quý vị. Xin gọi số điện thoại ở mặt sau thẻ ID của quý vị (TTY: 711).

알림: 한국어를 사용하시는 분들을 위해 무료 통역이 제공됩니다. ID 카드 뒷면에 있는 번호로 전화하십시오 (TTY: 711).

ATENSYON: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, may makukuha kang mga libreng serbisyong tulong sa wika. Tawagan ang numero sa likod ng iyong ID card (TTY: 711).

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите по-русски, вы можете воспользоваться бесплатными услугами языковой поддержки. Позвоните по номеру, указанному на обороте вашей идентификационной карты (номер для текст-телефонных устройств (TTY): 711).

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Kominike : Si se Kreyòl Ayisyen ou pale, gen sèvis entèprèt, gratis-ticheri, ki la pou ede w. Rele nan nimewo ki nan do kat idantite w la (TTY: 711).

ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, les services d'assistance linguistique, gratuitement, sont à votre disposition. Appelez le numéro au dos de votre carte d'identité (TTY: 711).

UWAGA: Dla osób mówiących po polsku dostępna jest bezpłatna pomoc językowa. Zadzwoń pod numer podany na odwrocie karty ubezpieczenia zdrowotnego (TTY: 711).

ATENÇÃO: Se a sua língua é o português, temos atendimento gratuito para você no seu idioma. Ligue para o número no verso da sua identidade (TTY: 711).

ATTENZIONE: se parla italiano, per lei sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica a titolo gratuito. Contatti il numero riportato sul retro della sua carta d'identità (TTY: 711).

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, steht Ihnen unsere fremdsprachliche Unterstützung kostenlos zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie dazu die auf der Rückseite Ihres Versicherungsausweises (TTY: 711) aufgeführte Nummer an.

注：日本語が母国語の方は言語アシスタンス・サービスを無料でご利用いただけます。ID カードの裏に明記されている番号に電話をおかけください (TTY: 711)。

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Hey, shouldn't you be getting ready to go?

If you're all set, here's a DIY haiku for you to have some fun with.

A hospital haiku

_____ by my bed.
[object in room, 2 syllables]

_____ and _____
[animal, 1 syllable] [type of weather, 1 syllable]

outside my room.

I feel _____ today.
[adjective, 1 syllable]

**Now, get some rest
and get better.**



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