

# 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.

We put together everything you need for  
a successful recovery – minus the comfy  
couch and TV remote.

**I went into the hospital for:**

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**and had the following tests/procedures done:**

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(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.





# 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.

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**What if I have a question after hours?**

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do I have a wound that requires special care instructions?**

YES    NO

Care instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Don't: \_\_\_\_\_

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## What other lifestyle changes should I make?

\_\_\_\_\_ Stop smoking

\_\_\_\_\_ Limit alcohol

\_\_\_\_\_ Watch my diet

\_\_\_\_\_ Start exercising

\_\_\_\_\_ Join a support group





# Away from the hospital

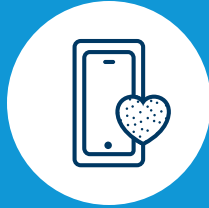
Once you leave, be sure to keep up  
with your care plan so you have a  
quick and easy recovery.

## 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.
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If you start experiencing any of the following symptoms, don't hesitate. **Call your doctor or 911 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 provide 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.

## Notes

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

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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）。

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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).

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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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