

Preparing to leave hospital



Hospital staff want you to leave feeling well informed and with answers to any questions you may have. This sheet will help. Some things may have already been discussed with you and won't be relevant. There is space over the page if you or your family/whānau want to make notes.



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- If you have any concerns or unanswered questions about your health care, talk to your doctor or nurse.
- Note down names and contact details for anyone you may want to get in touch with about your health care after you leave hospital.



Medication

- List any medicines you should take, when to take them, what they are for and if they have any possible side effects.
- Make sure you understand any changes that may have been made to your normal medicines (if you had any).
- If you've been prescribed any new medicine/s, be aware there may be costs involved.



Appointments

- Check with your doctor or nurse if you need to attend any follow-up appointments or have further tests, and if so where (eg, at hospital or with your GP).
- If you need to see your GP after you leave hospital, make sure you know when and remember to make an appointment.
- If you're expecting test results, find out how you will get them (eg, someone will phone you or you will need to make the call).



Looking after yourself after you leave

If you need to, make notes about:

- anything you should look out for after you leave hospital (eg, worrying symptoms like a raised temperature, increasing pain or bleeding)
- any special instructions you have been given (eg, about being able to work, drive or lift)
- what you can do to stay as healthy as possible (eg, diet, exercise or rest)
- when you can get back to your normal activities
- anything you should do differently now.



Write any notes here:

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