

# Before they leave the hospital

Twelve questions to ask on discharge day, while the people with the answers are still in the room.

## MEDICATIONS

- ☐ Which medications are new, stopped, or changed in dose?
- ☐ What is each new medication for, and when is it taken?
- ☐ Have prescriptions been sent to our pharmacy, and are they covered?

## WARNING SIGNS

- ☐ Which symptoms mean we should call the doctor?
- ☐ Which symptoms mean go to the ER or call 911?

## FOLLOW-UP

- ☐ When is the follow-up appointment, and who books it?
- ☐ Are any test results still pending? Who will call us with them?

## CARE AT HOME

- ☐ What will they need help with that's new (bathing, walking, meals)?
- ☐ Is home health, therapy, or equipment ordered? Who is the contact?
- ☐ Any restrictions on driving, lifting, diet, or activity?

## PAPERWORK

- ☐ Do we have the discharge summary and updated med list in writing?
- ☐ Who do we call with questions after we get home?

Contact name & phone \_\_\_\_\_

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