Medication Safety Once You Leave the Hospital

Be sure to:

• Bring your medication list or medication vials every time you go to the hospital or to a medical appointment (ask your doctor which he or she would prefer).

• Keep your medication list up to date.

• Show your medication list to your healthcare team, even if they don’t ask.

• Carry your list with you. Keep it in your purse or wallet, or put it in a baggie and hang it on your fridge.

• Tell your family or caregiver about your list and where to find it.

• After every appointment or hospital visit, make sure you get your list back from your healthcare team.

Spanish-language assistance is available upon request.

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Medication Reconciliation: Your Role

- Make sure to ask your doctor if he or she prefers you to bring your updated medication list or all your medication vials to your next appointment.

- Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist about the management of your home medications while in the hospital.

- Tell your nurse if you think you missed a dose of a home medication.

- Consult one of your healthcare providers before taking any medications that you brought from home (including over-the-counter medications and herbal health products).

- Before you leave the hospital, make sure you understand why and how to take all new medications you started while in hospital.

- Use one pharmacy — this ensures one pharmacy has all your medication information.

Visits to the hospital are often unexpected, so complete your card today!

The information you provide will be used to:

- Improve your quality of care.

- Ensure you get the correct medications during your hospital stay.

- Prevent errors and adverse drug reactions from incorrect medication information.