

Patients and Families Can Make A Difference

As a community hospital we are working to decrease the wait time in the ER. Patient discharge delays in the hospital are a major factor in increasing ER wait time. This is why we strive to begin discharge planning on admit. You and your loved ones are a very important part of this process.

By making sure you have the answers to the following questions, we can decrease the wait time and ensure a timely and smooth discharge. Talk to your family /caregivers about your discharge plans. Together we can make a difference.

- Who will take me home when I am discharged?
- How do I reach the person who will bring me home?
- Will they be available when I am discharged?
- If not, can someone else can bring you home?
- If I am to go home alone, do I have my key?
- Do I understand my discharge instructions?
- Do I need special equipment when I go home?
- Who will help me get my prescriptions filled?
- Are there any special preparations that need to be made to my home before I discharge?
- If so, who will take care of them?
- Has my doctor, nurse, therapist, or social worker given me any special instructions for which I or my family must prepare?

If you have any questions or need assistance with your discharge plans,
please contact the Case Management department at ext. 1875.

Si tiene cualquier pregunta o si necesita ayuda haciendo planes para su cuidado despues que salga del hospital, por favor pida un interprete.