Going Home

To prepare me for going home, things I want to ASK my provider and/or health care team include:



Discharge plans? Medications? Diet? Activity? Other Questions?

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Hospitalist **Program**







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Coordinating Your Care

When you are admitted as an inpatient, you will be cared for by one or more hospitalists during your stay. This brochure is designed to introduce you to our hospitalist program and make you feel confident that our team is working hard to ensure that you get everything you need during your time with us.

What is a hospitalist?

A hospitalist is a provider who specializes in caring for patients while they are in the hospital. They are here for you and your family 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Hospitalists do not see patients outside of the hospital, allowing them to give their complete attention to their patients.

During your stay, your hospitalist will communicate with your primary care provider (PCP) and any needed specialists to provide complete, patient-centered care.

Your Team

In addition to the doctors, the hospitalist team includes nurse practitioners (ARNPS) and dedicated nurses who are available around the clock to care for you.

Advantages

What are the advantages of being cared for by a hospitalist?

- Knowing their hospitalized patients are receiving expert care, primary care providers can spend more uninterrupted time caring for their office-based patients.
- In case of an emergency, a hospitalist is here 24 hours a day. Hospitalists are easily accessible for questions and concerns from you or your family.
- Hospitalists know every specialist and department at Lucas County Health Center. This allows them to function efficiently in ordering tests and consulting with other members of your health care team.
- Hospitalists assist you through a smooth and speedy recovery process by following up on tests and adjusting your treatment plan throughout the day based on those test results.
- Hospitalists ensure you know the plan each day, the plan for your stay, and educate you about your medical condition.

During Your Stay

Hospitalists talk to your primary care providers on a frequent basis. At the time of your admission to the hospital, your primary care provider calls the hospitalist and informs them of your condition and sends over records to provide as much information as possible about your illness. The process is similar to what your provider does when they refer you to a specialist for another opinion or for additional tests/ treatment.

During the course of your hospitalization, your hospitalist and primary care provider will talk further regarding your treatment. And at discharge, your hospitalist will communicate with your primary care provider to discuss your further treatment needs, help arrange follow-up, and prescribe the necessary medications.

After Discharge

Your discharge instructions will include information about follow up with your primary care provider or specialist as needed. Your medical records with treatment plans and diagnostic reports will be sent to your primary care provider to ensure your records are complete.