



Useful Phone Numbers:

Medicines Line 1300 888 763

Available Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to  
6.00 p.m. for all enquiries regarding  
medicines, side effects etc.

Poisons Information Centre 131126

(NOT to be used for emergencies)

Emergencies 000

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# MEDICATIONS

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# DURING YOUR HOSPITAL STAY

The hospital doctor may need to change some of the medicines you were taking before you came into hospital and prescribe you some new medicines.

Your hospital pharmacist will explain these changes to you as well as provide important advice.

*It may be helpful to ask the following questions:*

- \* What is the medicine supposed to do?
- \* How do I take it?
- \* Are there foods, drinks or other medicines that I should avoid?
- \* What if I miss a dose?
- \* Are there any side effects and what should I do if they occur?

It is important to know that sometimes there may be quite a few different brands of the same medicine. So, the medicine you receive in hospital could be the same as your usual medicine, but looks different because the hospital keeps a different brand.

Information leaflets may be offered to help you understand your medicine better and how to take it wisely.

**When you are in hospital, do not take any other medicines without the knowledge of your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.**

# AT DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL

Your hospital pharmacist will discuss your discharge medicines with you to ensure that you know what you will be taking when you go home; how to take your medicines wisely and how to store them safely. You will be supplied with sufficient quantity of medicine for you to take home but you will need to see your own doctor to obtain prescriptions for further supplies of your medicine.

**You will also be supplied with a *Medication List* to help you keep track.**

If you are on a lot of medicines and it is hard to remember what to take when, you may be offered a '**Webster Pack**'. This will be explained to you before discharge.

# AFTER DISCHARGE

**Follow-up** by talking to your community pharmacist soon after you are discharged from hospital. Remember to take your **Medication List** with you. Your local pharmacist will update your records to show any medicine changes made whilst in hospital and advise you about repeat prescriptions you may have at home.

**Medicines taken in the wrong way can cause harm.** If you are unsure of any medicines you may have from before coming to hospital, do not take them until you have checked with your doctor or pharmacist.

**Regular medication reviews** are needed to check whether the medicine is still needed; if it is the right dose for you and whether changes in your body suggest a change is needed in your medicine.

Your family doctor and local pharmacist will help you to manage your medicines in the most beneficial way.