

Going home

Before your child is released from the hospital, you will meet with the pediatric staff to review instructions for home care, transportation, medications, physical therapy and follow-up appointments. Make sure you are comfortable with all aspects of your child's home care, and feel free to ask questions.

Please be sure to have the following before taking your child home:

- Medications.** Write down the name of the medication, the dosage, what times of day to give it, how many days to administer it and its potential side effects.
- Prescriptions.** You can fill prescriptions at the pharmacy on the first floor or at the pharmacy of your choice. Let us know if you'd like us to fax the prescription to your pharmacy.
- Other supplies.** Some procedures may require special equipment or dressings for extended home care.
- Teaching sheets.** If your child's recovery requires special instructions, your child's nurse will provide you with teaching sheets to use as a reference.
- Activity.** You may need to limit your child's activities during recovery. Your child's nurse will provide you with details.
- Follow-up.** Before you leave the hospital, be sure to schedule your child's follow-up visit.
- Post-discharge phone call.** A nurse will call your home within 24 to 48 hours to see how your child is progressing. Please make sure that we have the best number to reach you.
- Danger signs.** Your child's nurse will explain potential danger signs to look for. If you have any questions about these signs, or about what you should do, please let us know.
- Belongings.** Take home all of your child's personal belongings, and be sure to check the closet and drawers.
- Review discharge instructions** with your child's nurse.

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