**Medication Information to Hospital Discharge Patients**

**What medication am I taking home?**

If you brought any medication into hospital, and it is still suitable, it will be returned to you. You will also be given a supply of any new medication that has been started while you have been in hospital.

You will usually go home with at least 2 weeks supply of medication.

The ward team will go through your medicines with you before you leave.

**Do I need a medicines organiser?**

Some patients do need a medicines organiser/tray but it is not suitable for everybody. Not all medicines can be put in an organiser and these could be missed or forgotten as a result. It can also be hard to identify each tablet if there are special instructions for some.

To help you remember to take your tablets you have been given a medication chart telling you what medication to take when. Each packet of medicines will also have a label on it telling you what it is, and when to take it.

You will also be given a letter to take to your GP telling them about your treatment in hospital and the medication you are on.

**What do I need to do now?**

You will need to contact your GP to request more medication within 7 days of leaving hospital. Many prescriptions now get sent automatically to your pharmacy but it may be as well to check with your pharmacist.

If you normally have your prescriptions delivered, then your pharmacy will need to know that you are now out of hospital and home.

**Where can I get more help?**

If you have any concerns about your medication, speak to your GP or community pharmacist

**Medication Information To Carers**

This patient is part of the MAR Chart trial.

They have been sent home with 2 weeks of medication in original packs, and a MAR Chart.

The patient will need to order a further supply of medication from their GP during the first week after discharge from hospital.

When the initial medication runs out their community pharmacy should also supply future medication in original packs and with a MAR Chart. They should NOT be supplying medication in MDS/Medidose/Venalink packs.

Please can you check that the patient has reordered their medication, and has contacted their regular pharmacy to make them aware of this.

If you have any concerns please contact your line manager or the patient’s community pharmacy