

Discharge Summary Template

The Discharge Summary Template approved by the Health Authority Medical Advisory Committee (HAMAC) provides a standard framework for physicians to consistently and effectively complete and communicate critical patient care information. The Discharge Summary should contain the following content if applicable.

Most Responsible Diagnosis: The reason for the longest acute length of stay/care or treatment

Pre-Admit Diagnoses: Medical issues which existed prior to admission and affected the care/treatment and/or length of stay. Important to add if patient has an infection or colonization of MRSA/VRE/C-Difficile

Post-Admit Diagnoses: Medical issues which arose since the time of admission including complications and affected the care/treatment and/or length of stay, even if they have resolved by the time of discharge. Important to add if patient became infected or colonized with MRSA/VRE/C-Difficile

Secondary Diagnoses: Other diagnoses that did not affect the care/treatment and/or length of stay but are important to communicate for continuity of care

Code Status: Indicate the status of the patient with respect to the desire for resuscitation

Operative Interventions: Interventions done in the formal Operating Room/Procedure Room

Other Interventions: Minor interventions performed outside of the formal Operating Room/Procedure Room that are important to communicate for continuity of care

Flagged Interventions: If the following interventions from the table were performed, they **must** be stated as they directly affect Patient-Focused Funding:

Cardioversion	Tracheostomy	Total Parenteral Nutrition
Heart resuscitation	Central Lines – PICC/Portacath	Cell saver
Mechanical ventilation	Endoscopic percutaneous biopsy	Chemotherapy
Pleurocentesis	Dialysis	Feeding tube
Paracentesis	Radiotherapy	Per-orifice endoscopy

Names of Relevant Specialists: Physicians that provide advice and/or treatment regarding the patient's condition

Allergies: Abnormal reactions of the immune system that occur in response to medications

Medications on Discharge: Details of discharge medications, including reasons for giving or altering medications, frequency, dosage and proposed length of treatment

Post-Discharge Follow-Up: Follow-up instructions and specific plans after discharge, including a list of follow-up appointments with consultants, further outpatient investigations and outstanding tests and advanced directives if applicable

Discharge Disposition: The disposition where the patient was discharged, or the status of the patient on discharge – transferred to other institution, discharged home, sign-out, died, stillbirth or didn't return from a pass

Treatment/Course in Hospital: Brief summary of the management of each of the active medical problems during the admission including major investigations, treatments and outcomes

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