

When to Call the Doctor: After Leaving the Hospital

After leaving the hospital, if you were there for just a short time, or for an extended stay, you need to know when to call your doctor as you continue to recover at home.

Call your doctor to set up a follow-up appointment if you haven't already done so. Write a list of questions to ask your doctor at the appointment. These are questions you have that don't require immediate answers and are not an emergency.

1. Call your doctor if you have any questions about your condition and the steps you need to follow during your recovery. These are questions that should not wait until your follow-up appointment.
- 2 Call your doctor if you notice any unusual or excessive side effects caused by any of the medications you are prescribed including: weakness, dizziness, nausea or upset stomach, or fever.

As well as indicating a possible complication, these side effects can increase your risk for falling, something you are trying to prevent.

Your healthcare provider may need to change your medications, or the times or amounts you take in order to reduce your side effects.

Do not stop taking your medications unless your healthcare provider tells you to.

If you feel you are having a medical emergency or serious complication, call 911 immediately.

After leaving the hospital, call the doctor: to set up a follow-up appointment, to ask questions about your recovery, if you notice unusual side effects, and call 911 for a medical emergency or serious complication.