

Picking Up Your Medicines Before You Leave Owatonna Hospital

Leaving the Hospital

There's a lot to remember when you leave the hospital (discharge). To help make getting your discharge medicines easier, you can have them filled at the hospital pharmacy and delivered to your room before you leave.

Benefits

The following are benefits of leaving the hospital with your medicines.

- The pharmacist can easily:
 - access your health information
 - talk about your treatment plan with your health care provider
 - work with your insurance company if there are any issues.
- Your medicines will be ready when you are ready to leave the hospital.
- You can go straight home from the hospital without extra stops.
- The hospital pharmacy accepts all major insurances and copays are typically the same as other pharmacies.
- The hospital pharmacy staff helps you save money by:
 - recommending generic medicines
 - telling you about manufacturer coupons, if available
 - telling you about co-pay assistance programs, if available.

How it Works

- After your health care provider puts in the order, the hospital pharmacy will fill your medicines right away. If you **do not** want to leave the hospital with your medicines, tell a member of your health care team.
- A staff member will deliver your medicines to your room before you leave. A pharmacist will go over your new medicines with you and answer any questions you have about your new medicines or other medicines you are already taking.
- Your primary care provider will need to order refills on your medicines. Filling medicines at the hospital pharmacy during your stay will not affect other medicines you are already taking.

Paying for Your Medicines

The hospital pharmacy will use the information you give at registration to bill your insurance for the medicines. You will receive a separate bill in the mail for any medicines not covered by your insurance.

Whom to Call With Questions

Talk with a member of your health care team if you have questions.