Who’s Who On Your Healthcare Team

The following people may be a part of your healthcare team:

**Attending Physician(s)** - a senior member of the medical staff who directs your care.

**Consulting Physician(s)** - your attending physician works with this doctor, who has a specialty in a different area of medicine.

**Fellow** - a doctor who has finished residency and is specializing in an area of medicine.

**Resident Physician(s)** - a doctor who is in the first 1 to 5 years of training after graduating from medical school.

**Physician Assistant(s)** - specially trained staff who assist your doctors.

**Dietitian** - a diet expert who teaches you about the diet your doctor has ordered for you.

**Therapist(s)** - a professional who helps meet your specific healthcare needs, such as respiratory, physical, occupational, child-life activity, learning skills, speech and therapeutic recreation.

**Advanced Practice Nurse** - a nurse who has advanced training and education in a specific area of nursing.

**Department Manager** - a nurse who is responsible for a unit. Please tell the department manager if you have any concerns while you are in the hospital.

**Patient Care Coordinator or Team Leader** - a nurse who coordinates your nursing care and discharge planning.

**R.N.s, L.P.N.s, Nursing Attendants** - nurses with varying amounts of training and education who are responsible for your daily nursing care.

Your nurses will introduce themselves to you.

**Social Worker** - a specialist who helps you and your family cope with financial and emotional problems related to your hospital stay. A social worker also finds resources and helps plan your home care.

**Chaplain** - a religious representative (minister, priest, rabbi) who can help you or your family with spiritual needs while you are in the hospital.

**Others** - other people at the hospital involved in your care might include medical students and nursing students.
Telephone numbers
- Nursing unit ______________________
- Other ____________________________
- Hospital operator: (573) 882-4141

If you have questions
If you have questions about any of the following topics, please put a ✓ in the box.

❑ cause of your health problem
❑ activity guidelines
❑ diet guidelines
❑ medicines
❑ ways to prevent future health problems
❑ care of incision(s)
❑ signs of infection
❑ returning to work
❑ community resources
❑ clinic appointments
❑ other ____________________________

If you checked any of the above, please ask your primary nurse or the nurse caring for you today to answer your questions.

Notes/Questions
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