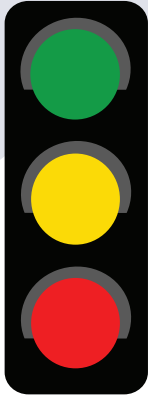


Discharge information

Symptoms to look for when you go home from the hospital.



Zone Tool Pneumonia

Every Day:

- ✓ Take your medicine exactly as ordered.
- ✓ Balance activity and rest periods.
- ✓ Drink plenty of water, unless ordered otherwise.
- ✓ Cough to help clear your airways. Take a couple of deep breaths two to three times every hour. Deep breaths help to open up your lungs.

All Clear Zone... *This is the safety zone if you have:*

- Easy breathing
- No fever
- No coughing, wheezing/chest tightness or shortness of breath during the day or night
- No decrease in activity level and are able to maintain normal activity level

Warning Zone... *Call your doctor if you have:*

- Sputum (phlegm) that increases in amount or changes in color or becomes thicker than usual
- Increased coughing or wheezing
- Shortness of breath with activity
- Fever of 100.5 F oral or 99.5 F under the arm
- Increased number of pillows or needing to sleep sitting up

Medical Alert Zone... *Go to the Emergency Room or call 911 if you have:*

- Unrelieved shortness of breath
- Change in the color of your skin, nails or lips to gray or blue
- Unrelieved chest pain
- Increased or irregular heart beat

Remember:

- ✓ Take all of the antibiotics you were given even if you feel better.
- ✓ Keep your doctor appointments.
- ✓ Take all the medications you are taking to your doctor appointments.
- ✓ Ask your doctor about getting a pneumonia vaccine.
- ✓ Get a flu shot every year.