## **My Transportation Information**

Date of departure: Time of departure: Person taking me home: Cell/phone number(s): Backup ride: Other important information: London Health Sciences Centre 800 Commissioners Road East London, Ontario N6A 5W9 Phone: 519-685-8500

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# **Transportation**

when it is time to leave the hospital

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your discharge, transportation or supports at home, talk to a health care team member.

Your Health care team is here to support you.







### **Preparing to Leave the Hospital**

We hope that your experience at LHSC has been a positive one. As you prepare to leave, we encourage you to ask questions regarding any ongoing supports or contacts that you will need when you arrive at home.

#### **Notification of Discharge**

- Notification for Discharge occurs usually 24 to 48 hours prior and we would encourage you to be ready for the 11:00 am discharge time.
- Depending on the circumstances, there may be times when patients are notified the day of discharge.

#### **Booking Transportation Home**

 You or your family must arrange your transportation home. Please have alternate arrangements, if a family member or friend is unable to pick you up at your scheduled discharge time.



- Transportation is not provided by the hospital and the hospital does not pay for transportation when someone leaves the hospital to go home (including Long term Care, Retirement Homes, etc.)
- You can book a taxi or a wheelchair taxi.
   If you require a stretcher vehicle to take you home, you can call Voyago at 1-855-263-7163 or another company of your choice. We recommend you always obtain a price quote when booking transportation.
- Transportation is not covered by the provincial medical plans (OHIP).
- If you have 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance, transportation may be covered.
   Financial support may also be provided by Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). If there are financial issues/concerns, please contact your area social worker.
- Contact your health care team if you need additional support or suggestions with these arrangements.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If I have a scheduled appointment (clinics, tests or procedures) not related to my hospital care after I am discharged, will I be able to go? What about transportation?

If you are well enough, you will need to make your own travel arrangements.

#### What if I have no money with me?

Please work with family or friends to bring in your credit card and/or to book your transportation. If you are unable to provide a credit card number, the hospital will book the transportation and then you will be billed.

# If I am being transferred to another hospital, will I have to arrange and pay for my transportation?

No. This transportation will be arranged and paid for by the hospital.

#### Can I use an ambulance to return home?

No. Ambulances are used to respond to emergencies and to transfer people who are critically ill.

