

Home Discharge Readiness Screening Tool

How to Use Instructions



The COVID-19 global pandemic has caused a severe disruption of normal health services provided by Baptist Health and other providers in our region. In accordance with the White House's Opening Up America Again guidelines, we are implementing a tiered approach to resuming operations. This tool is intended to guide you and your teams during patient selection in considering the post-acute needs of your patients to proactively address any considerations or modifications that may be required.

While surgeons select which patients are eligible/meet criteria for surgery in Step 1, it is important to understand that the goal is to ramp up our surgical volume slowly, while caring for our community. We must maintain a balance of surgical volume and bed capacity so that we remain in a state of readiness to respond accordingly to any emergency.

For this reason, we have created this **Home Discharge Readiness Screening Tool** to help our surgeons, schedulers, surgical coordinators and PAT nurses screen patients for post-discharge needs. You can use this tool to guide your questions when interviewing your patient/family to determine who is eligible for surgery in Step 1.

If the patient and/or family requires assistance at home that cannot be provided by the family or patient's support person, home healthcare may need to be ordered. (Please ensure that it is covered by the patient's insurance).

If the patient and/or family requires assistance beyond what can be provided by home healthcare, determine what is covered by the patient's insurance or what is feasible as an out-of-pocket expense for the patient/family. If neither of these options is satisfactory, the patient may need to go to a post-acute care facility.

At this time, the required three-day inpatient hospital stay for post-acute placement is waived under CMS 1135 waivers. However, it is important to discuss with the patient/family, in advance of the procedure/surgery, the willingness to go to a post-acute care facility. If the patient is unwilling to go to such a facility, he or she may not be the right candidate for Step 1. A discussion between the surgeon and the patient/family may be necessary to explore alternative options, including postponing the surgery until the system implements Step 2 or 3 of the recovery plan. Please contact your hospital's Case Management department if you need further guidance. (See Case Management Department Contact List below).

Case Management Department Contact List

(Hours of operation: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

Baptist Hospital:	786-596-6578	Mariners Hospital:	305-434-3625
Bethesda Hospital East:	561-737-7733, Ext. 83653	Fishermen's Hospital:	305-731-6166
Bethesda Hospital West:	561-737-7733, Ext. 83653	South Miami Hospital:	786-662-8106
Boca Raton Regional Hospital:	561-955-3232, <i>Shari Bumstead</i> 954-802-4473, <i>Carine Cemelfort</i>	West Kendall Baptist Hospital:	786-467-2070 786-467-4532
Doctors Hospital:	786-308-3824, <i>Gina Buendia</i>		
Homestead Hospital:	786-243-8699 786-573-6763, <i>Natasha Batista Garcia</i>		