

Post-Hospitalization Checklist

Completed by: _____ **Date:** _____

Patient Name: _____ **Hospitalization Date:** _____

First treatment date post-hospitalization: _____

Complete by the first post-hospitalization treatment:

- Request the hospitalization records (e.g. discharge summary, medication orders, blood cultures, etc.).
- Enter new diagnosis/co-morbid conditions in the electronic medical record (EMR), if applicable.

Complete during the first post-hospitalization treatment:

- Consult the nephrologist for treatment orders and medication changes (e.g., vascular access plan, target weight, dialysate bath, treatment time, intraperitoneal [IP]/intravenous [IV] antibiotics, etc.).
- Enter all changes, new orders, and diagnosis (including medications) in the EMR.
- Evaluate and update protocol order changes in the EMR.
- Assess and adjust target weight and/or dry weight in consultation with the nephrologist.
- Evaluate, enter, and perform needed lab draws (i.e., metabolic panel, blood cultures, etc.).
- Order and administer intravenous line (IV)/intraperitoneal (IP) antibiotics, if needed.
- Instruct the patient/caregiver to bring in all home medications to the next treatment.
- Coordinate with the prescriber/pharmacy to fill new prescriptions, as needed.
- Conduct a patient assessment to identify new issues or complications (e.g., vascular access, ability to perform activities of daily living, unmanaged symptoms, etc.). Alert the interdisciplinary team (IDT) to changes from the patient's baseline condition, as necessary.

Complete during the first week post-hospitalization:

- Communicate treatment plan changes with the IDT, patient/caregiver, and other providers, as needed.
- Conduct a medication reconciliation. Review changes with the patient/caregiver to ensure proper medication adherence and to verify new medications are available.
- Ensure the discharge summary and other relevant hospitalization documentation has been reviewed and follow-up actions have been taken accordingly.
- Support and reinforce education related to the patient's hospitalization with the patient/caregiver.
- Confirm and ensure advance directives are reviewed and updated, as needed.
- Facilitate and support post-hospitalization follow-up, including appointments to providers/specialist, referrals, and durable medical equipment. Involve the IDT as appropriate.