

Does this sound like your patient?



You may want to consider...

PATH: *Pharmacist Assisted Transition to Home*

*A Joint Healthcare Venture of Sequoia Hospital
and Pathways Home Health & Hospice*

In this innovative pilot program a pharmacist will visit your patient in the hospital. The SAME pharmacist will see the patient at home, and call following their appointment with the primary care physician. Transition models have demonstrated a significant reduction in hospital readmissions.

Your patients will benefit many ways; they will:

- learn medication management
- recognize “red flag” symptoms
- have an action plan when worsening of symptoms occur
- follow up in a timely way with a PMD visit
- have these services at no cost
- be actively communicating with their doctor(s)
- have connected Sequoia Hospital and Pathways Home Health teams
- have documentation of their care

So what does it take to get this service for my patients?

- Pilot start date January 3, 2012
- Physician Order for Home Health Care
- Meets pilot criteria: suggested pilot criteria on back of flyer.

Admission Criteria for PATH Program

1. Meets Medicare criteria for admission to Home Health:

- Homebound
- Skilled Need
- Physician Order for Home Care

2. Patient is a Medicare fee for service beneficiary.

3. Patient and/or Caregiver speaks English (required)

4. Meets 2 or more of the below conditions:

- 2 or more hospital or emergency room visits in the past 12 months.
- 1 or more of the following chronic health conditions: Chronic Heart Failure, Diabetes, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Chronic Kidney Disease.
- Takes 9 or more medications as documented on the hospital medication reconciliation form: includes prescription, OTC, vitamins and herbal remedies.
- History of falls

5. Patient lives in San Mateo County (excludes coastside communities)

6. Patient and/or caregiver are willing and able to participate in the program.

7. Patient's residence is suitable for the delivery of care; provides a safe living environment for the patient and a safe working environment for staff.