

WHAT YOUR PHARMACIST WANTS YOU TO KNOW ABOUT . . .

MEDICATION SAFETY DURING YOUR HOSPITAL STAY

When you or a loved one is in the hospital, be sure to follow these important medication safety tips:

- Bring a list of all the medications you take. You should include all prescription drugs, nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal and nutritional supplements. Keep it handy to share this important information with your health care providers.
- Your medication list should also include medicines that you cannot take (because of allergies or other reactions). Be sure to include any other allergies as well (such as peanuts, shellfish, or latex).
- If you have any questions about your medicine, ask to speak to a pharmacist.
- Ask the names of the medications that you are receiving during your hospital or health-system visit.
- Request any written information that is available about your medications.
- Question anything about your medications that you don't understand or that doesn't seem right. Be especially alert to unexpected changes, such as a change in the appearance of your medication.
- Enlist a family member or friend to be your advocate while you are in the hospital.



Pharmacists are an important part of your health care team. For more information about what your pharmacist wants you to know, visit www.SafeMedication.com.