

General Practice Divisions Victoria

Safe Discharge Home
(Acute /Aged Care Interface)

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Transfer to Hospital

- Letter outlining reason for transfer
- Transfer form – current
- Photocopy of current drug chart
- “Environmental Discharge Planning Information”
- Residential Liaison Nurse

Thomas Admitted

His discharge should be planned and coordinated

Facility expectations;

Accurate Legible Discharge Summary

- Medication changes faxed to pharmacy
- Discharge Medication Chart/form

- Dr writes up medications on next visit
- Medication chart sent to Pharmacy

A & E Admission only

Now we are in bother !!!

This spells

A & E Admission only :

DISASTER



How safe will Thomas's return be

- Remain in bed over weekend
- Manager may be called
- Locum may be called
- Transferred back to hospital

Safe Return

Dispensed a 3/7 Webster with the following instructions written clearly and legibly eg ;

- Administer A/B's and pain relief as per Webster
- Encourage fluids
- Sit out of bed
- Encourage ambulation
- Fax A &E summary to GP next working day

Safe Return –cont

- Contact GP if required and available
- If GP not available and condition deteriorates contact A&E /locum service

Future Considerations/Challenges

- Drug companies 5th panel member
- Call Centre
- Satellite "Hospital in the Nursing Home"
- Roving Medical Practitioners
- Interim Drug Charts /Mini Webster's