

The senior resident is responsible for the discharge summary. If the senior resident delegates the task, the report should be reviewed. The discharge note should be copied to the family doctor and the referring physician. It should be completed before the patient leaves the hospital. It is a summary - to the point and easy for the receiving physician to read quickly. It does not need to repeat material already included in notes that have been sent before. The discharge summary should include: dates of hospital stay; reason for referral; list of procedures done; significant events in hospital; changes to routine medications after discharge; post admission care and follow-up arrangements. Frail patients and those from far away may follow-up with their family doctor. Please ask Ms Trudy Bain (32920) to make cancer clinic appointments if required.