

**Your Health Care Team**

There are many people who help care for you when you are in the hospital. Each member of your health care team has a special role in your care. You are the focus of each member of your team. Please read on to find out more about your team members.

	<b>Members of Your Team</b>
<b>Doctors and surgeons</b> will be involved throughout your stay. These doctors are highly skilled in their field and will address your health care needs daily.	
<b>Residents</b> are doctors in training who will meet with you daily and can be reached 24 hours a day.	
<b>Primary nurse</b> will create a plan of care based on your goals and will discuss your needs and concerns with the healthcare team.	
<b>Nursing team (RNs, nursing assistants)</b> will help with daily care during your stay. They will work closely with the other members of your health care team.	
<b>Pharmacists</b> will review your medicines and explain how to use them to make sure that they are correct and safe.	
<b>Clinical nutritionist</b> will make sure your diet needs are being met and promote healthy eating habits.	
<b>Respiratory therapists (RT)</b> will work with you if you need oxygen or breathing treatments.	
<b>Technicians (techs)</b> -Lab techs will take blood samples as ordered by your doctor. X-ray techs will take any x-rays ordered by your doctor	
<b>Nurse case manager</b> will help plan for when you go home. They will also meet daily with your healthcare team to update your plan of care.	
<b>Social worker (SW)</b> will help you fill out a power of attorney form. They can also help with legal guardianship, financial issues and filing for disability. They also meet daily with the healthcare team to update your plan of care and find help for you at home.	
<b>Spiritual care staff</b> will offer support for patients & family. We have support for people of all faiths. You can reach a chaplain 24 hours a day.	
<b>Physical therapists (PT)</b> will help to improve movement & balance. They work with you on sitting, walking, balance, and strength. They will teach you & your family how to be more mobile. PT will suggest tools you need for home.	

<b>Occupational therapists (OT)</b> focus on physical, mental, and social skills. OT will work with you on upper body movement. They will teach you and your family skills to complete self-care tasks. OT will suggest tools you need for home. OT will figure out home access issues & give you tips for improved access. They can also assess you for driving safety issues.	
<b>Speech/Swallow therapists (SLP)</b> will help those who have problems speaking, thinking, and swallowing.	
<b>Therapeutic recreation therapist (TR)</b> help you return to your routines or hobbies that you enjoy doing. They can arrange outings & help you get disability stickers for cars.	
<b>Vocational rehab therapist</b> help patients make job plans and learn job skills. Their goal is to help you gain and maintain a job.	
<b>Health psychologists</b> teach you and help you cope with your injuries.	
<b>Orthotics team</b> will create & custom fit braces or devices as needed.	
<b>Housekeeping &amp; maintenance</b> will work to keep your room clean & in good working order.	

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person's health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 9/2019 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing. HF#7558.