

Going home

Hoki ana ki te kainga

Here are a few points to remember when it's time to go home:

You should be given a form entitled Information on Leaving Hospital which includes a summary of your hospital stay and outlines your recent illness, treatment received and any follow-up care you may need at home. This information will also be sent to your family doctor but if you need to see your doctor within a few days of returning home please take this form with you.

Please advise the nurse or ward clerk if you do not intend returning to your usual address. Please check that we have your correct postal address so that correspondence such as appointment letters will reach you. If you require medical or ACC certificates, ask the ward clerk for these to be completed before you leave hospital. Make arrangements with family or friends for your transport home. Please be sure you know how you will be looked after when you get home. If you are concerned about this, please talk to your nurse and/or ask to see the social worker.

If you are to attend an outpatient clinic, check that you know where the clinic will be held and the time and date of the appointment. Check that you have all your belongings, including drug prescriptions and medication, from your locker and wardrobe in the ward.