

# Be Ready for an Emergency Department Visit

Older Adult Hospital Readiness

Name	
About Me	

Las	st upda	ted:		
	month	day	year	

Give this sheet to the nurse.

About Mic
I like to be called
This caregiver knows me best
My address is
I have a ready-to-go bag.
I am registered with the MedicAlert® Safely Home® program.  ☐ Yes ☐ No

My information can be accessed by calling Hotline 1-800-407-7717

My doctor says that I have dementia or Alzheimer's disease.
I get confused easily, and I can't always remember things.
I might feel overwhelmed, worried, or upset. What helps me?
I might feel restless, agitated, or panicky. What helps me?
I have problems describing my medical history. Who can help you?
I might ask the same question again and again. What helps me?
I might walk away. What can help you and me?

My ID number is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Older Adult Alert!**

## These things may be hard for me:

- being in a noisy waiting room
- ▶ lying in bed for a long time
- using a call button
- being alone
- ▶ any medical devices placed on me

#### **Older Adult Alert!**

When I am sick, and there is a change in what I can do, consider:

- ▶ delirium
- untreated pain
- effects of medication
- ► a new medical problem
- ► an unrecognized infection

### What can help me be my best?

Not being alone • Being with the caregiver who knows me best • Having a quiet place to wait • Sitting in a comfortable chair • Having a blanket • Taking care of my basic needs • Reassuring me • Including me

# Before I came to the emergency department, I could do these things.

Before I was sick: Talking	Items with checkmarks ( $\checkmark$ ) apply to me.		
☐ I talk easily.			
☐ I don't talk very much.			
☐ I don't understand English well. I understand this language:			
Who can help you?			
☐ I don't hear very well. Look at me when you talk to me.			
Before I was sick: Getting	around		
☐ I can walk by myself.			
☐ I can get around on my own. I use: ○ a cane ○ a walker ○ a wheelchair			
☐ I like to have someone's arm for help.			
Before I was sick: Using th	e bathroom		
☐ I need help: ○ getting	to the bathroom $\bigcirc$ using the bathroom		
☐ I use incontinence prod	ducts:		
o pads o pull ons o	adult briefs (like Attends®, Depend®, TENA®)		

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Before I was sick: Eating and Drinking
☐ I can eat and drink on my own.
☐ I choke easily.
☐ I need to use a straw.
☐ I need help to set up my food.
☐ I need reminders to keep eating.
☐ I need help holding a glass.
☐ I need someone to feed me.
☐ I need thickened liquids.
☐ I do not know when I am thirsty. Remind me to drink.
☐ I have a special diet:
Thave a special diet.
Before I was sick: Hearing and Vision
☐ I wear glasses.
☐ I have hearing aid(s): ○ RT ○ LT
☐ I am not able to hear.
☐ I am legally blind.
Ask my caregiver to check my hearing aid batteries.
- Ask my caregiver to effect my ficaling all batteries.