



# Easy Read – Hospital Stay Guidelines

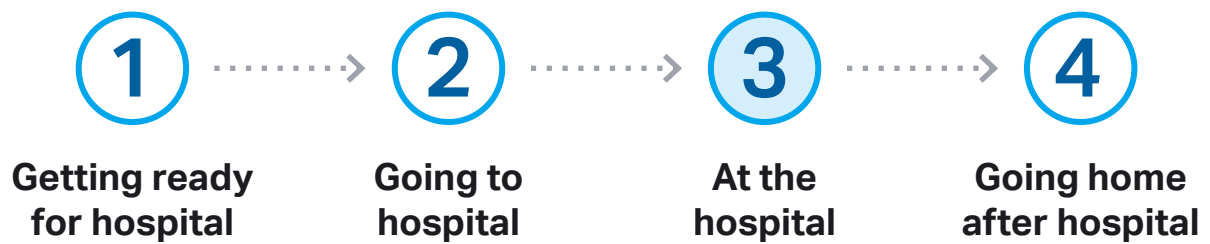
A guide for people with disability,  
families, friends and carers

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## At the hospital

## Hospital Stay Guidelines – Easy Read Series



The Department of Health thanks Developmental Disability WA and members of their Advisory Council who helped co-design the Easy Read – Hospital Stay Guideline.

Hard words are written in **bold** and **blue**.



This is book 3 of 4 books that tells you about being in hospital.



This book tells you how to make being at hospital better.



It is important that people in the hospital know about your health.



You can have someone speak for you:

- a family member
- friend
- carer
- support worker.



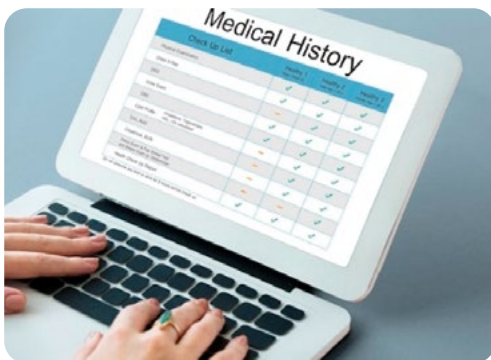
You can ask for communication help from:

- Auslan interpreter
- **Communication partner**
- Language interpreter.

A **Communication partner** is someone who knows you well and provides communication support. This can be family, friends, carers and support workers.



If you are really sick you can go to the emergency department.



In the emergency department you can be asked your:

- name
- Medicare number
- usual doctor and how to contact them
- health and disability information.





In the emergency department the sickest people are seen first.



You may need to wait.



Sometimes you need to stay in the hospital for **treatment**.

**Treatment** is when the doctors are helping you to get well.



If you are starting to feel worse, tell a nurse or ask a hospital person for help.



If you are still worried you can tell them again.

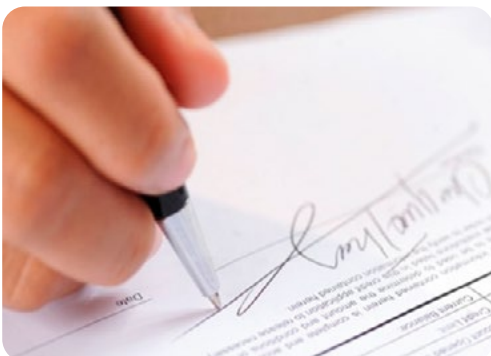


You or your support person can ask to use the **Aishwarya's CARE Call**.

**Aishwarya's CARE Call** allows you to call for urgent medical help.



At hospital you can say 'yes' or 'no' to a **treatment**.



You will be asked to sign a form to say yes or no to medical **treatment**.



You can ask someone to help you make choices about **treatment**.



When you are really sick you might not be able to make these choices.



When you are too sick the doctor can treat you without asking you first.



This is because they may need to save your life.



You can plan who will make choices for you.





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