



Postpartum Discharge Summary Audit Tool: Recommended Elements for Comprehensive Care

A comprehensive and standardized postpartum hospital discharge summary is essential to ensuring continuity of care, promoting maternal well-being, and supporting a safe transition from hospital to home. As maternal morbidity and mortality rates continue to be a concern, particularly in the weeks and months following birth, a clear and complete discharge summary helps bridge the communication gap between hospital-based providers and those delivering follow-up care in the community. It also empowers patients and their support systems by outlining key information and next steps, including mental health, substance use, social needs, and medical care.

Hospitals should use this list to audit their existing postpartum discharge summary and make necessary updates to ensure all recommended components are consistently included.

- ☐ PATIENT NAME/ DATE OF BIRTH
- ☐ SUPPORT PERSON CONTACT INFO
- ☐ DELIVERY TYPE
- ☐ DELIVERY DATE
- ☐ DISCHARGE DATE
- ☐ DELIVERING FACILITY/MRN NUMBER
- ☐ GRAVIDA/PARA
- ☐ DELIVERING GESTATION
- ☐ MEDICAL HISTORY
- ☐ BLOOD TYPE
- ☐ DIAGNOSIS FROM PREGNANCY/DELIVERY COMPLICATIONS
- ☐ INFANT FEEDING METHOD
- ☐ CONTRACEPTIVE METHOD
- ☐ MEDICATION LIST
- ☐ ANY POSITIVE SCREENS FOR SUPPORT NEEDS WITHIN SUBSTANCE USE OR MENTAL HEALTH.
- ☐ FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION
- ☐ FOLLOW-UP CONSULTS/LABS
- ☐ UNMET SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH NEEDS
- ☐ SUGGESTED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS