Pharmacy Announces Bedside Prescription Fulfillment Program

Research has shown two key factors contributing to readmission after discharge are patient failure to fill prescriptions post discharge and medication management issues once the patient is home.

To help resolve these issues, The Valley Hospital has enlisted the expertise and skills of our outpatient pharmacists at Valley Health Pharmacy, as well as our hospital pharmacists. Our idea is to have pharmacists deliver prescriptions to the patient’s bedside prior to patient discharge.

Delivering medications directly to the patient before discharge ensures that the patient has the medication in hand. The patient no longer has to stop by the pharmacy on the way home. Patients can begin to take their medications immediately, instead of waiting a day or two to get prescriptions filled. Valley Health Pharmacy will fill up to a 30-day supply of medication. An additional prescription for maintenance medications, if needed, can be given to the patient, for their convenience, so that they can fill these prescriptions at their local pharmacy.

On the inpatient side, our pharmacists are providing a helping hand to our nursing team. Prior to discharge, our pharmacists can spend time counseling patients on the management of their medication regimen. This allows the patients to ask any questions of the pharmacist – and allows the pharmacist time to ensure the patient completely understands the instructions and the need for any follow-up care.

How You Can Help

We are asking our physicians to provide prescriptions for any medications needed at discharge 24 hours in advance. The patient may need two prescriptions:

1. One written for up to 30 days of the needed medication
2. One written for maintenance medication after the 30-day supply is completed

Giving us 24-hour notice allows us not only to ensure the medication will be ready and available but allows pharmacists a chance to schedule time to talk about the medications with the physician.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ron Krych, Pharmacy Director, at ext. 8122.