

# Questions To Ask Before Hospitalization

Because doctors are so busy, they try to be brief. But you need to know exactly why your doctor recommends hospitalization. To get your questions answered efficiently, take a copy of the Questions To Ask Before Hospitalization worksheet with you when you visit your doctor and jot down or record the answers. For some people, it helps to bring a friend or relative along who can help remember the details of the discussion with the doctor.

## Reason

Why is hospitalization necessary? \_\_\_\_\_

## Procedure

What tests or procedures will be done? \_\_\_\_\_

Must the tests or procedures be done at the hospital? \_\_\_\_\_

## Alternatives

What other choices do I have? \_\_\_\_\_

How much will I be involved in deciding about my treatment? \_\_\_\_\_

## Risks

Are there any risks involved with any of the tests or procedures? \_\_\_\_\_

What are they? \_\_\_\_\_

## Results

What will the tests tell us? \_\_\_\_\_

## Timing and Expense

How long will I be in the hospital? \_\_\_\_\_

How much will it cost? \_\_\_\_\_

## Recovery

How soon can I return to normal activities? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will I be away from work? \_\_\_\_\_