



Communicating Medication Information at Discharge

Discharge Communication for Community Pharmacies

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is launching Connect Care, a health information system, across AHS sites which will be complete in 2023. Community pharmacies will begin to see more documents as Connect Care rolls out, depending on when it is launched at AHS sites across Alberta. Connect Care provides the opportunity for consistent communication between AHS and community pharmacies across the province.

The community pharmacy will receive the discharge prescription and/or MedRec for Community Pharmacist Report, via fax or other means.

Document	Information & Purpose
1. Discharge Prescription	Contains new or modified medications and refills to be dispensed by the community pharmacy. It does <i>NOT</i> include instructions for: 1) medications with no changes and that the patient is to continue (using existing supply) or 2) medications that patients have stopped taking.
2. MedRec for Community Pharmacist Report	List of all medication changes including medications that have been continued, modified, newly started, and stopped.

Additional documents may also accompany the patient including the After Visit Summary (AVS), which includes a complete list of medications to be taken after discharge for the patient to use as a reference and to communicate with their family doctor and/or family. It may include comments by clinicians about why medications were changed or other supportive information.

If the patient does not have any new or changed medications that require a prescription, but has discontinued medications, the MedRec for Community Pharmacist Report **will be faxed** to the patient's community pharmacy to update the patient's care plan.

Example MedRec for Community Pharmacist Report

Alberta Health Services
Mikey Demo Ahsip
 ULI: DOB: 7/5/1940
 Discharge Date: 13/4/2021

This document is for information only and is NOT a prescription.

PATIENT: Give this list to your community pharmacist

START taking these medications

	Prescriber	Last Given	Start	Stop
START nicotine 14 mg/24 hour patch Place 1 patch on the skin one (1) time per day (in the morning).	Edward John Aasman, MD			

CHANGE how you take these medications

	Prescriber	Last Given	Start	Stop
CHANGE enalapril maleate 20 mg tablet Commonly known as: VASOTEC Take 0.5 tablets (10 mg total) by mouth one (1) time per day (in the morning). What changed: how much to take	Edward John Aasman, MD			

CONTINUE taking these medications

	Prescriber	Last Given	Start	Stop
furosemide 40 mg tablet Take 20 mg by mouth 2 (two) times a day.				

STOP taking these medications

	Prescriber	Last Given	Start	Stop
STOP levothyroxine 75 mcg tablet				

COMMUNITY PHARMACIST Information: This report is meant to clearly communicate all medications the patient is supposed to be taking, including medications that need to be continued using existing prescription supply. This report may also detail new medications that need to be started, and existing medications that need to be modified or discontinued. **New and modified medications will have a separate discharge prescription.**

The MedRec for Community Pharmacist Report does not require a signature by the prescriber.

Important information helpful for the Community Pharmacy that the discharge prescription does not contain.

For all medications under the CONTINUE heading, existing prescription refills along with supply at home should be used to continue these medications.