

5 tips for

Effective Patient/Physician Communication



#1

Make a List

Before the doctor arrives, make a list of questions and symptoms to discuss.



Be Honest

Talk about all of your problems and concerns with your doctor so that he or she can accurately gauge your situation.

He/she is not there to judge you, rather to help you get better!

#2



Be in Control

If you are confused or want to ask questions, tell the doctor to slow down.

Remember: You are in control of the speed of your visit!

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#4



Be a Good Listener

Before you are discharged, make sure that you understand everything you need to do once you return home.



Ask Questions

Clarify your questions in the hospital. If other questions come up after you are discharged, don't be afraid to call your doctor!

#5

When talking with your Physician remember to:

1. Make a List
2. Be Honest
3. Be in Control
4. Be a Good Listener
5. Ask Questions



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