


Personal Profile to assist with Hospital Admission



Through helping those who provide direct care to people with dementia by increasing their understanding of the “individual” admitted to hospital, this form aims to make the life of the person living with dementia and their family carer a little easier.

As part of Amana Living’s commitment to promoting the well being of all people living the second half of life, we are happy for this form to be utilised by other agencies.

However if changing the form, please acknowledge
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Date this profile created _____ Name of Family Carer _____		
Full name:		
Preferred name:		
Date of Birth:		
Key health problems:		
Safety problems at home:		
Current medications:		
Thinking skills: I need help with:	Remembering things seen <input type="checkbox"/> Remembering things said <input type="checkbox"/> Finding my way <input type="checkbox"/> Planning ahead <input type="checkbox"/>	Learning new skills <input type="checkbox"/> Getting started <input type="checkbox"/> Controlling emotions <input type="checkbox"/>
To promote my involvement:	I can follow the tasks for the day when informed <input type="checkbox"/> To help me get involved <input type="checkbox"/>	I need the tasks for the day written and displayed <input type="checkbox"/> Each task need to be explained in steps <input type="checkbox"/>
My personality can best be described as:	Outgoing <input type="checkbox"/> Easy going <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet <input type="checkbox"/> Need to know what is going on <input type="checkbox"/>	
How am I likely to react to hospital and why:		
Communication tips:	I have difficulty starting off talking <input type="checkbox"/> I have difficulty stopping talking <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Communication tips (cont'd):	It is difficult for me to reply when people talk to me <input type="checkbox"/>	
	I lose track of what I am talking about <input type="checkbox"/>	
	I can't think of the word I want <input type="checkbox"/>	
	It is difficult for me to understand what is said to me <input type="checkbox"/>	
My mental health and well being:	I experience periods of depression <input type="checkbox"/>	I see/hear things others don't <input type="checkbox"/>
	I experience episodes of anxiety <input type="checkbox"/>	These experiences worry me <input type="checkbox"/>
Things that help if I am worried:		
Things that will help me cope with being in hospital:	I have my life-story book with me <input type="checkbox"/>	Other:
	I have a visitor book to use <input type="checkbox"/>	
Food and drink:	I have swallowing difficulties	
	I like to eat and drink: _____	
	I dislike _____	
	I need assistance to eat <input type="checkbox"/>	
	I need assistance to drink <input type="checkbox"/>	
	I can eat finger food independently <input type="checkbox"/>	
	I can eat with one implement when food is cut up <input type="checkbox"/>	
I can eat with two implements <input type="checkbox"/>		
Personal presentation:	I enjoy washing and dressing <input type="checkbox"/>	Tips for washing and dressing:
	Washing and dressing is stressful <input type="checkbox"/>	

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A Tool for Carers of People Living with Dementia.

People living with Dementia have a high likelihood of being admitted to hospital given their increased vulnerability to events such as falls. Unfortunately the hospital experience can be very unsettling for the person with Dementia and their family/support network to the extent that it has a negative impact on both their health and well being.

Often the acute hospital finds it very difficult to understand and meet the needs of the person with dementia. This is more likely to happen when the initial reason for admission is something other than the dementia diagnosis.

To support families and community carers at what is a stressful time; this background information sheet has been developed. The aim is to provide specific information regarding the person, so that the hospital experience will be less stressful for all.

It can be filled out and kept at home on a "Just in case" basis. Should a hospital admission occur, the form can be handed to the admitting doctor or nurse for their information. Alternatively a copy could also be kept by the person's bed to assist the hands on staff.

Please note that this is not a research project per se. this information form is intended to be passed on freely to anyone who may find it useful, so please feel free to do so. However it would be useful to track the success of this idea. If you use it and have some feedback to offer feel free to email me on:

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