

Personal Belongings

Patients and visitors are responsible for all personal belongings. Infirmary Health is not responsible for replacing lost or damaged items. We highly recommend you bring only essential items to the hospital and leave all valuables at home or send them with a family member or friend upon admission to the hospital.

Clothing

Storage space in patient rooms is limited. Hospital gowns are provided. We suggest that clothing worn to the hospital be sent home with family/friends and have appropriate clothing brought to the hospital shortly before patient discharge.

Denture Care

Patients are asked if they wear dentures or bridges and if so, a staff member will provide a denture cup for storage when not in use. The cup will be labeled with the patient's name. Please avoid wrapping dentures in a napkin, placing dentures on a meal tray, under a pillow, on the sheets or in any concealed place where they may be lost or accidentally thrown out.

Hearing Aids

Hearing aids should be kept in the original case provided upon purchase. If the original case is not available, nursing staff will provide a container labeled with the patient's name for storage of the hearing aids when not in use. Do not leave hearing aids unprotected on the bedside or over-bed table.

Eyeglasses/Contact lenses

Glasses and contact lenses are best secured in a case with patient name on it when not in use. To prevent loss or damage to eyeglasses during hospitalization, patients are asked to not leave them unprotected on the bedside table, in a robe pocket or on the bed.

Wheelchairs, Walkers, Canes

Please put your name on all necessary items that are brought to the hospital including wheelchairs, walkers, and canes.

Medications

Bring a current list of medications the patient is taking to the hospital. This includes herbal and over the counter medications as well as prescription medications. If a list is not available, bring in the medication containers for the staff to create a current medication list. The containers can then be taken home by a family member or friend. If medications are unable to be sent home, they may be

stored by the pharmacy/security until discharge. Medications brought from home are not to be stored at the bedside.

Valuables

Please leave all valuables at home or send them home with a family member or friend upon admission to the hospital; this includes cash, checkbooks, credit cards, jewelry and other items deemed to be of value, wallet, purse, cell phone, laptop computers, e-readers, iPads, etc., or any other item that would be considered a loss if misplaced. Patients move about during a hospital admission for testing, procedures and treatments or from one inpatient unit to another due to their medical condition.

If family members are not present, valuable items should be given to the nursing staff to be secured in a valuables envelope and locked in security. They are not to be kept at the bedside. A copy of the security property/inventory form is placed on the chart for the valuables locked in Security. To retrieve valuables, the patient will make a request through the patient care provider who will contact Security to retrieve the valuables. The secured bag is opened in the presence of the patient and the valuables are matched to the content's listings. The receiver of the valuables signs the security property/inventory form.

Lost or Damaged Items

Unless placed in our possession for safekeeping, Infirmary Health does not replace lost or damaged items. We will be happy to check our lost and found for your items. If you are/were an inpatient, please call the unit that is/was responsible for your care. If you are/were an outpatient, please call the outpatient unit. If you have lost an item or wish to report finding a lost item, please contact our Security Office through the main number at the specific facility.

Helpful Tips

- Be sure that you let staff know if you have dentures, glasses and/or hearing aids so they can assist you during your stay. If these items are not needed during your stay, please do not bring them to the hospital. These items need to be properly secured during your stay.
- Dentures should be stored in a denture cup, supplied by the hospital, labeled with the patient's name.
- Glasses and hearing aids should be stored in the cases that were supplied when purchased and labeled with the patient's name.
- Please avoid placing any of these items on a meal tray, on the bed, unprotected on the bedside table or in any concealed place where they may be lost or accidentally thrown out.
- Check your room carefully before changing rooms or going home.