

DOCTOR APPOINTMENT CHECKLIST

Today's Date

Elder

Date of Appointment

Doctor

Doctor address

Phone/email

Doctor Hospital Affiliation

Quality Care Checklist

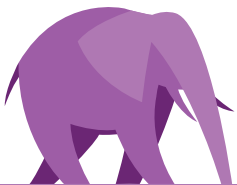
- Ask what unfamiliar words mean
- Keep asking questions until what is being said is understood
- Repeat what the doctor tells in your own words to uncover any misunderstandings
- Ask for copies of medical records, charts and test results
- Ask if there is a choice in hospitals if surgery is recommended
- Ask about the cost if that is of concern

Ask these questions about the illness

- Does this illness have a name?
- What caused this illness?
- Do you personally have experience treating this illness or will you be recommending a specialist?
- What are the treatment options and related risks?
- Is this illness or pain likely to go away, get worse or recur?
- What is your track record/success rate in treating similar cases?
- What long-term lifestyle changes are expected?

Ask these questions if a test has been recommended

- What specifically do you hope to accomplish with this test?
- What are the risks involved with taking this test?
- What is the procedure?



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- What are the chances of inaccurate test results?
- What happens if the test is not taken?
- What preparations are necessary ahead of time?
- Will personal assistance be necessary after the test?
- How long will it take to learn the test results?
- How will I be notified of the test results?

