DANBURY HOSPITAL
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Danbury Hospital Patient Education Sheet

Danbury Hospital Outpatient Extended Recovery Status

What is Outpatient Extended Recovery Status?

Your physician has assigned you to the Danbury Hospital Outpatient Extended Recovery service. An Outpatient Extended Recovery status allows your physician to monitor your condition for an extended period of time beyond the 'standard Recovery Room' period and determine when you can be safely discharged. This decision is based on clinical guidelines regarding the severity of your illness and the intensity of the services required for your care.

Does "Extended Recovery" mean I am now admitted to the hospital?

The services you receive while in an Outpatient Extended Recovery status are considered **outpatient services**. This is not considered as a hospitalization or an inpatient admission into the hospital.

- ✓ Your expected length of stay in Outpatient Extended Recovery will be less than 24 hours, although actual length of stay is dependent on your condition and progress.
- ✓ Your status may change from Outpatient Extended Recovery to "Inpatient Admission" if your physician determines that you require an inpatient level of care.

Although your stay in Danbury Hospital Outpatient Extended Recovery is an outpatient service, you will still have available the comforts of a regular patient room, such as telephone, television, a regular hospital bed, a bathroom, and meals as ordered by your physician.

Does my insurance pay for Extended Recovery Status?

Medicare and other insurance companies consider Extended Recovery an outpatient service. Your insurance company will be billed for all the outpatient services that you receive. You and your secondary insurance will be responsible for your outpatient deductible and co-insurance. Some facts regarding billing and Outpatient Extended Recovery Status:

- Assignment to Extended Recovery is an outpatient billing status.
- Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) reimburses outpatient services.
- Assignment to Extended Recovery does not affect your Inpatient Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) benefits.
- No Medicare Part A hospital days are used while you remain on Outpatient Extended Recovery Status.
- Part A deductible does not apply.
- Since this is not a hospitalization, your Extended Recovery stay does not count as a qualifying stay, should you require skilled-nursing facility care after being released from the Outpatient service.
- Outpatient co-insurance applies for the diagnostic testing (not laboratory testing) and other services you receive as it would for any outpatient hospital service.
- Charges for the Extended Recovery service itself are hourly based on the actual time spent on the Outpatient Unit.

Your physician decides whether extended recovery is the most appropriate level of care for you, and can answer any questions you may have about your care. If you have additional questions about your care, you may also speak with your nurse on the Unit, or for billing questions you may contact the Billing Office at (203)-730-5887.

For more information, or to learn about the specialized services and programs available at Danbury Hospital, please visit www.DanburyHospital.org