

We believe that meeting your educational needs is as important as meeting your physical needs. Before you leave the hospital, your team of caregivers will help you understand your medical condition and related treatments, procedures, medications, dietary recommendations, and equipment. You may receive brochures and other information to take home and review.

If you have questions, be sure to let a staff member know. They will be glad to provide additional teaching or recommend one of the many educational resources we have developed for your learning.

A great deal of health information is available on the Internet. Some of the reputable web sites recommended by our Medical Library include the following:

[www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov)

[www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)

We additionally provide patients with our Health E-Search service where you can visit our on site Distance Learning Center and access millions of health journals, databases and internet links.

### **Inpatient & Outpatient Therapies**

Your doctor may write orders for you to receive specialty services from physical, occupational, and/or speech therapists to respond to mobility, self-care, communication, or swallowing problems you may have. Staff will provide treatment and help you understand what is happening and what to expect during the course of therapy.

Home Health and Hospice staff can provide additional support during a patient's recovery, and families benefit from learning how to cope with a patient's serious prolonged, or terminal illness. Please ask your doctor for more information.

Our social worker and/or discharge planner have additional information on dedicated resources and support groups throughout the community on diabetes, ostomy, cancer, head trauma, stroke, and other health concerns. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions.



## **YOUR LEARNING NEEDS**