Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

PATIENT & CAREGIVER EDUCATION

Urgent Care Center and Symptom Care Clinic Nursing Discharge Instructions: Diarrhea

This information explains nursing discharge instructions for diarrhea from the Urgent Care Center (UCC) or the Symptom Care Clinic (SCC).

Diarrhea

Diarrhea (loose, watery poop) may lead to dehydration (not having enough liquids in your body) and electrolyte loss. Drink at least 6 to 8 (8-ounce) glasses of water or other liquids each day to stay hydrated.

Take your medications as prescribed.

Review the patient education information your healthcare provider gave you. For more information, visit www.mskcc.org /pe/diarrhea

Call your MSK healthcare team or go to the nearest emergency room if you have:

- Uncontrolled diarrhea.
- Diarrhea that becomes bloody or black in color.
- New or worsening abdominal (belly) pain.
- Swelling in your abdomen.
- Muscle cramping.
- Dizziness, or feel very weak.

Your care team may direct you to your regional Symptom Care Clinic (SCC) or the Urgent Care Center (UCC).

Follow up with your MSK healthcare team after discharge.

You can search for information on this topic and many others in MSK's Patient and Caregiver Education library at www.mskcc.org/pe

If you have questions or concerns, contact your healthcare provider. A member of your care team will answer Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside those hours, you can leave a message or talk with another MSK provider. There is always a doctor or nurse on call. If you're not sure how to reach your healthcare provider, call 212-639-2000.

For more resources, visit www.mskcc.org/pe to search our virtual library.

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