

# We Care For Your Belongings



Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Community Hospital

## Patient Valuables and Belongings

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital cares about you and your family, more so to the things you care about. During your stay in our hospital, we recommend that you bring only essential items with you, as you will be provided everything you need for your stay. Should you have any personal valuables with you, we suggest that it be sent home with your family/friends or entrust it with our Public Safety team for safekeeping. Items that remain at bedside will be on the patient and visitor's responsibility. Martin Luther King, Jr. is not responsible for replacing lost, damaged, or misplaced belongings. We offer the following tips to help keep your personal items secure:



### Clothing and Personal Wear

Storage space in patient rooms are limited. A robe and slippers are necessary for all patients. Hospital gowns will be provided, as well as non-slip socks. We suggest that clothing worn to the hospital be sent home with family/friends and have appropriate clothing brought to the hospital shortly after patient's admission.



### Denture Care

Patients are asked if they wear dentures or bridges and if so, a staff member will provide a denture cup to store them in when not in use. The cup will be **green** in color and will be labeled with the patient's name. Please avoid 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 **green** container labeled with patient name to store the hearing aids in when not in use. Do not leave hearing aids unprotected on the bedside or over-bed table.

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## Eyeglasses & Contact lenses

Glasses and contact lenses are best secured in a case with patient name on it when not in use. A **green** case will be provided to you upon your admission. To prevent loss or damage to eyeglasses during your hospital stay, patients are asked to not leave them unprotected on the bedside table, in a gown pocket or on the bed.



## Durable Medical Equipments

Upon your admission into your room, Durable Medical Equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, or any type of prosthesis will be tagged with a **green** label, identifying it as your personal belonging.



## Medications

Do 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 until discharge. At this time they will be retrieved from the pharmacy. 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 any 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 entrusted to our Public Safety team to be secured in a valuables container and locked in a safe.

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To retrieve valuables, the patient will request through their patient care provider, whom will contact our public safety team to retrieve the valuables. The secured bag is opened in the presence of the patient and the valuables are matched to the contents listing. The receiver of the valuables will sign the itemized Patient Valuables and Belongings document.



## Lost Items

Unless placed in our possession for safekeeping, Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital does not replace lost items. We will be more than glad 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 Emergency outpatient, please speak with the unit secretary of our Emergency Department. To file a lost items report, please contact our Public Safety Office at (424) 338-8858

# Thank You

We are committed to continually improving all aspects of our service to our patients and the surrounding community, and your understanding & cooperation to our processes are vital to this endeavor. If we may be of further service, please feel free to call our Office of Patient Experience at (424) 338-8591. Thank you very much.