

Box 3: Checklist of Core Discharge Summary Information

- Stroke diagnosis and date of stroke
- Secondary complications
- Co-morbid illnesses
- Stroke risk factors
- Prevention strategy
- Social and family history
- Past medical history
- Medications on discharge
- Summary of hospital course
- Physical, emotional, and cognitive status at discharge
- Level of independence for mobility, ADLs, decision-making, including any supervision and assistance needs (driving ability if applicable)
- Equipment and resources prescribed, including what has been provided, and what is pending
- Recommended management plan, including therapies, home program, community activities and outstanding medical consultations
- Ongoing and long-term patient goals
- Follow up appointments
- Identification of primary care provider stroke follow-up responsibilities
- Direct communication between most responsible physician and the primary care provider