

# University of Alabama (UAB) Ticket to Ride:

## COVID Discharge Workflow and Communication Across Care Continuum

### Welcome!

- All lines are muted, please ask your questions in Q&A
- For technical issues, chat to the 'Technical Support' Panelist
- Please actively participate in polling questions that will pop up on the lower righthand side of your screen

**We will get  
started shortly!**



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**Carolyn enjoys visiting her grandchildren, photography, crocheting, needlepoint, reading and being at the beach!**

**"I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness - it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practicing gratitude"**

**-Brene Brown**

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## OPERATIONS MANAGER CARE TRANSITIONS

Erica Arnold, DNP, RN, CNL, CHFN, CCCTM is an Operations Manager in the Care Transitions Department at UAB Hospital. She serves in a role that focuses on optimizing department staffing and resources and special projects, including transition of care rounds and accountable care teams within the organization. During the pandemic, Erica lead the Care Transitions department in daily and weekly calls and worked with an interdisciplinary team to implement tools and resources needed to streamline COVID best practices across the care continuum.

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# Objectives

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  - Identify the key stakeholders who were needed to participate in the decision making.
  - Orient yourself to the Ticket to Ride tool and how it is intended to be used.
- Use Tomorrow:
  - Think about how this tool would be useful in your organization.

# Discussion



Rachel Cross

Alison Garretson



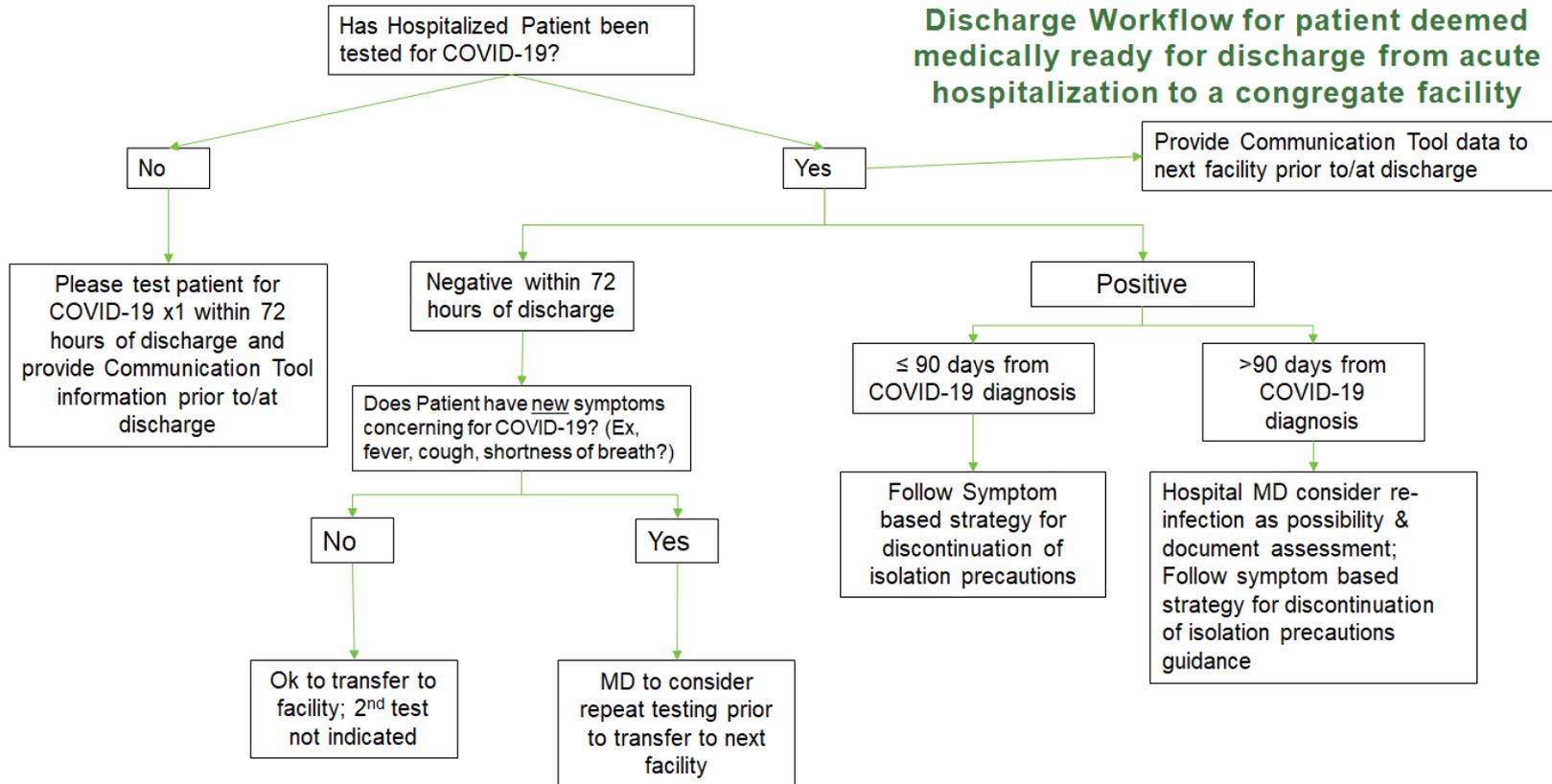
Erica Arnold

# JCDH HCC SNF Subcommittee Workgroup Efforts

- Goal Set: Document recommendations for Hospitals and Congregate facilities to follow to improve the transition workflow from hospital to congregate facility for patients who are medically ready for discharge
- Discussions led twice monthly by UAB Medicine
- Operations leaders
  - Nursing facilities
  - Hospitals
  - JCDH and MCDH
- Medical providers
  - UAB Geriatricians working in the COVID-19 nursing home unit
  - UAB Infectious Disease
  - UAB Hospital Medicine
  - Dept of Health Epidemiologists
- Front line staff pilot
  - Hospital to nursing facility

# Discharge Workflow

## Discharge Workflow for patient deemed medically ready for discharge from acute hospitalization to a congregate facility



# Communication Tool Sample

Hospitals are asked include these data elements in Discharge summary or transition documentation to next level of care;

- This tool, or one like it, could be used for facility to facility transfers once the patient has admitted to a congregate facility;
- This information is vital to Emergency departments when patient sent for evaluation or admission to the hospital

Date of COVID Tests	Site of test	Type of COVID Test (PCR or Antigen)	Results of Test	Any symptoms of COVID at time of test	Is patient immuno-compromised If neg, NA	If hospitalized for COVID record dates, If negative, NA	If hospitalized, did spend time in an ICU?  If negative, NA
10/25/20	LTC A	PCR / Antigen	Positive / Negative	Yes / No	Yes / No	NA	Yes / No / NA
10/29/20	Hospital A	PCR / Antigen	Positive / Negative	Yes / No	As above	10/29-11/1	Yes / No / NA
11/3/20	Dialysis clinic A	PCR / Antigen	Positive / Negative	Yes / No	As above	NA	Yes / No / NA
COVID-19 Vaccination		Manufacturer		Date Administered		Date Next Dose can be administered or NA	Clinic Administered or Scheduled
1 <sup>st</sup> dose COVID-19		Pfizer		2/1/21		N/A	UAB Vaccine Clinic
2 <sup>nd</sup> dose COVID-19*						2/22/21	UAB Vaccine Clinic 2/28/21

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**How will this change what you do? Please tell us in the poll...**



## Closing Survey

***Help Us Help You!***



- Please turn your attention to the poll that has popped up in your lower right-hand side of your screen
- Completion of this survey will help us steer our topics to better cater to your needs

# CMS 12<sup>th</sup> SOW Goals



## Behavioral Health Outcomes & Opioid Misuse

- ✓ Promote opioid best practices
- ✓ Decrease high dose opioid prescribing and opioid adverse events in all settings
- ✓ Increase access to behavioral health services



## Patient Safety

- ✓ Reduce risky medication combinations
- ✓ Reduce adverse drug events
- ✓ Reduce C. diff in all settings



## Chronic Disease Self-Management

- ✓ Increase performance on ABCS clinical quality measures (i.e., aspirin use, blood pressure control, cholesterol management, cardiac rehab)
- ✓ Identify patients at high-risk for developing kidney disease & improve outcomes
- ✓ Identify patients at high risk for diabetes-related complications & improve outcomes



## Quality of Care Transitions

- ✓ Convene community coalitions
- ✓ Identify and promote optimal care for super utilizers
- ✓ Reduce community-based adverse drug events



## Nursing Home Quality

- ✓ Improve the mean total quality score
- ✓ Develop national baselines for healthcare related infections in nursing homes
- ✓ Reduce emergency department visits and readmissions of short stay residents

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# Upcoming Events



## Learning and Action Webinars

### Nursing Homes

Tuesdays, 2pm ET/1pm CT

### Community Coalitions

Thursdays, 12:30 pm ET/11:30am CT

May 18, 2021: A deeper dive into Diabetic Agent and Anticoagulation Medication Adverse Drug Events

May 27, 2021: Powerful Partnerships - Area Offices on Aging & Community Coalitions

June 15, 2021: TBD

June 24, 2021: TBD

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