



Condition of Patient

If the media provide a patient's name, we can share the patient's one-word condition:

GOOD: Vital signs are stable and within normal limits. Patient is conscious and comfortable. Indicators are excellent.

FAIR: Vital signs are stable and within normal limits. Patient is conscious but may be uncomfortable. Indicators are favourable.

SERIOUS: Vital signs may be unstable and not within normal limits. Patient may be unconscious. Indicators are unfavourable.

CRITICAL: Vital signs may be unstable and not within normal limits. There are major complications and indicators are unfavourable; death may be imminent.

See reverse for two additional conditions

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DEAD: Media may be informed of the death of a patient whose case has been a matter of public record. This information will only be disclosed after the nursing staff has confirmed that the patient's substitute decision maker and family have been informed of the patient's death.

DISCHARGED: Media may be informed of the discharge of a patient whose case has been a matter of public record. As with the patient condition updates above, this information is to be released as one word. No other information, including date of discharge, is to be given.

