Mayo Clinic’s Patient Information Summary Page

Per the institutional Discharge Summary Policy, the following categories are included in the discharge summary (sent from the hospital to the primary care team at time of patient discharge):

- Dates of hospitalization (admission and discharge dates)
- Primary diagnosis (the condition established after study that was found to be the reason for admission)
- Secondary diagnoses (all medical conditions that co-exist at the time of admission or develop during the hospitalization and require clinical evaluation, therapeutic treatment, or diagnostic procedures, even if resolved by discharge)
- Reason for admission
- Hospital course (care, treatment, and services provided)
- Procedures performed (if applicable)
- Pending studies (if applicable)
- Discharge medications including:
  - Continued medications (pre-admission medications to continue)
  - New medications (started during hospitalization and to continue)
  - Discontinued medications (pre-admission medications discontinued)
- Condition at discharge
- Discharge disposition
- Discharge instructions provided to the patient and caregiver(s)
- Follow-up recommendations
- Follow-up contact information

Source: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MI; featured in Achieving Care Continuity, from Advisory Board’s Nursing Executive Center.