

# Discharge Summary – 1 Page Checklist

## **1. Reason for Hospitalization**

- Clear admitting diagnosis
- Presenting symptoms
- Context (acute vs chronic, severity)

## **2. Hospital Course**

- Key events and timeline
- Important labs, imaging, procedures
- Clinical progression (improved/worsened/complications)
- Narrative that tells the patient story

## **3. Final Diagnoses**

- Principal diagnosis clearly stated
- Secondary diagnoses/comorbidities
- Relevant ruled-out conditions

## **4. Discharge Condition & Disposition**

- Condition at discharge (stable, improved, etc.)
- Disposition (home, SNF, rehab, hospice)
- Functional status if relevant

## **5. Discharge Instructions & Follow-Up**

- Medication list with changes
- Follow-up appointments
- Pending results/tests
- Patient-specific instructions