

# Discharge Summary (DCS) Scoring Tool

Score each section: 0 = Missing, 1 = Partial, 2 = Complete

Section	Key Elements	Score (0-2)
Reason for Hospitalization	Clear diagnosis, symptoms, context	
Hospital Course	Clinical story, key events, labs, progression	
Final Diagnoses	Principal + secondary diagnoses clearly stated	
Discharge Condition/Disposition	Status + destination + function	
Instructions & Follow-Up	Meds, follow-up, pending tests, instructions	
TOTAL SCORE		

**Interpretation:**

8–10 = Strong discharge summary

5–7 = Moderate (needs improvement)

<5 = High risk (documentation gaps likely impacting care, coding, or compliance)