Healthcare plan

Take this to the clinician involved in your care. Confirm medical instructions together; do not invent them.

Editable PDF: replace or delete the fictional examples. Blank PDF: print and write. Guidance follows.

Current medical advice and treatment

e.g. Bring the advice and medicines I already have.

Questions for my clinician

e.g. What follow-up do I need, and what changes should prompt help?

Confirmed with: name, role and date

e.g. Complete together with the clinician; add their name and date.

The agreed healthcare plan

e.g. Write the clinician's actual advice here after discussing it.

Follow-up / review arrangements

e.g. Record the follow-up date or how it will be arranged.

What to do if symptoms or circumstances change

e.g. Ask the clinician to explain when and how to seek further help.

Extra anxiety-related checking to discuss in CBT

e.g. Discuss repeated internet searches that go beyond my healthcare plan.

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Using this resource

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What this helps with

It can be difficult to judge whether you are following medical advice or repeatedly checking because uncertainty feels unbearable. A shared plan with an appropriate healthcare professional can clarify what care is needed and what to do if symptoms change. This sheet is a discussion aid, not a medical protocol. Your therapist can help with anxiety responses; the relevant healthcare professional should guide medical monitoring, treatment and escalation.

How to use it

1. List existing advice, treatment and follow-up, using the wording you were given.
2. Note what is unclear: what to monitor, how often, and which changes need help.
3. Ask your healthcare professional to clarify the plan and record when it should be reviewed.
4. With your therapist, identify extra reassurance or checking outside this plan and a suitable response to the urge.

A fictional worked example

Nadia has a diagnosed condition and also finds herself checking repeatedly between scheduled appointments. She brings this sheet to her healthcare professional and asks what monitoring is needed and what changes should prompt contact. She records their advice in her own words and checks that she has understood it. In therapy, she works on searches that repeat the same question without new information. If a relevant change occurs, she follows the care plan rather than treating every urge as anxiety. She does not ask her therapist to decide medication or use the worksheet to invent a universal rule about when symptoms matter.

Keep in mind

Leave medical instructions blank until clarified with the relevant clinician. Do not use a fixed "wait" rule for new or concerning symptoms. Continue treatment and seek emergency care for a medical emergency. This sheet cannot replace clinical judgement, triage or an individual medical assessment.

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