

ED discharge summary

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LOGAN HOSPITAL - EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT DISCHARGE SUMMARY

Patient: Robert Hayes

Age / Sex: 71 years / Male

Date of discharge: 26 August 2026

Presenting problem: COPD exacerbation

PRESENTATION

Mr Hayes presented to the Emergency Department at 03:05 on 26 August 2026 with worsening breathlessness. He had been reviewed by his general practitioner the previous day (25 August 2026) with three days of cough and increased sputum, and was commenced on prednisolone 40 mg once daily and doxycycline 100 mg twice daily for a mild COPD exacerbation suitable for community treatment. Overnight he deteriorated, reporting breathlessness such that he was unable to walk to the bathroom without stopping, and called an ambulance.

HISTORY

Background of COPD, hypertension and gastro-oesophageal reflux disease. No known drug allergies. Usually independent with an exercise tolerance of two blocks. GP documented wheeze, oxygen saturation 94% on room air and no focal chest signs on 25 August 2026.

EXAMINATION

Diffuse wheeze on arrival.

INVESTIGATIONS

Chest X-ray: no focal consolidation (final).

Viral respiratory panel: negative (final).

ASSESSMENT

Moderate COPD exacerbation not responding sufficiently to initial community treatment, without radiographic pneumonia.

TREATMENT

Inhaled bronchodilator treatment in the Emergency Department, with improvement. Walking oxygen saturation was acceptable for discharge.

MEDICATIONS

No changes to medications were made at this attendance. Continue current medications:

- Prednisolone 40 mg once daily (started 25 August 2026, intended 5-day course)

- Doxycycline 100 mg twice daily (started 25 August 2026, intended 5-day course)
- Salbutamol inhaler as required
- Tiotropium 18 micrograms inhaled once daily
- Irbesartan 150 mg once daily

DISPOSITION

Discharged home from the Emergency Department on 26 August 2026.

ADVICE

Complete the prescribed courses. Return to the Emergency Department if breathlessness worsens, or if there is confusion or cyanosis.

FOLLOW-UP

- GP and inhaler-technique review within 7 days (by 2 September 2026) - Beenleigh Family Clinic (Dr Emma Walsh).
- Respiratory outpatient review on 19 September 2026 - Metro South Respiratory Clinic.

Please contact the Emergency Department if there are any concerns regarding this presentation.