

Hospital discharge summary

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DISCHARGE SUMMARY - LOGAN HOSPITAL

General Medicine Ward

Patient: Margaret Bell

Age / Sex: 79 years / Female

Date of discharge: 03/09/2026

Admission date: 31/08/2026

GP: Dr Aaron Smith, Browns Plains Family Practice

PRESENTING PROBLEM

Pneumonia with confusion.

HISTORY OF PRESENTING ILLNESS

Mrs Bell was brought to the Emergency Department on 31/08/2026 following a marked decline at home reported by her daughter, with new confusion and poor fluid intake. She was assessed as having pneumonia with confusion and dehydration, and required oxygen initially. Chest X-ray was reported as a right lower lobe opacity. She was admitted for inpatient treatment.

BACKGROUND

Chronic conditions: hypertension, osteoarthritis, mild cognitive impairment.

Allergies: clarithromycin - severe nausea.

Baseline: lives with her daughter and normally mobilises with a walking stick.

HOSPITAL COURSE

Mrs Bell was treated with intravenous antibiotics and fluids. On 01/09/2026 she was documented as improving, with resolution of confusion and improved oral intake. Blood cultures showed no growth to date at that time and were subsequently reported as final: no growth.

At the time of discharge she had no oxygen requirement and was mobilising at baseline.

INVESTIGATIONS

- Chest X-ray: final - right lower lobe opacity.
- Blood cultures: final - no growth.

MEDICATIONS ON DISCHARGE

Active:

- Amoxicillin/clavulanate 875/125 mg twice daily - started after intravenous inpatient therapy, to complete pneumonia treatment after discharge. Intended duration: 4 days.
- Paracetamol 1 g up to three times daily as required.

On hold:

- Candesartan - withheld. Previously 8 mg once daily; remained withheld on discharge pending recovery of oral intake and GP review.

MEDICATION CHANGES

- 03/09/2026: Oral antibiotic started after intravenous therapy - amoxicillin/clavulanate 875/125 mg twice daily, to complete pneumonia treatment after discharge (4 days).
- 03/09/2026: Candesartan remained withheld (previously 8 mg once daily) - awaiting recovery of oral intake and GP review.

DISPOSITION

Discharged home on 03/09/2026, stable after pneumonia treatment, for completion of oral antibiotics and GP follow-up.

PATIENT ADVICE

- Complete the course of antibiotics.
- Return for recurrent confusion or breathlessness.

FOLLOW-UP

- GP review within 7 days, including medication reconciliation - due 10/09/2026, outstanding. Responsible: GP, Browns Plains Family Practice.
- Follow-up chest X-ray at approximately six weeks - due 20/10/2026, outstanding. Responsible: GP, Browns Plains Family Practice.

SAFETY-NETTING

Escalation for confusion or respiratory deterioration was advised and completed on 31/08/2026. Mrs Bell and her family have been advised to return for recurrent confusion or breathlessness.