

Patient Conditions

A patient's express written consent is required to allow a physician to discuss a patient's prognosis with the media. The media must give the patient's name and the case must be a matter of public record before information regarding a patient's condition can be released from HHHS.

HHHS uses the following definitions to describe a patient's condition.

Definitions

Satisfactory:

- Vital Signs are stable* and within normal limits.
- The patient is conscious and comfortable.
- Making favourable progress.

Fair:

- Vital signs are stable* and within or close to normal limits.
- The patient is conscious.
- The patient may have minor complications.

Serious:

- Acutely ill.
- Vital signs may be unstable* and not within normal limits.
- The patient may be unconscious.
- There are major complications.

Critical:

- Vital signs are unstable* and not within normal limits.
- There are major complications and indications are unfavourable.

* The term stable is only a description of a patient's vital signs, which includes temperature, pulse, respiration, and blood pressure.