



## **“HOW TO PRODUCE HIGH QUALITY MEDICAL SUMMARIES”?**

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**Medical record summary service** is one of several solutions offered by **medical outsourcing companies**, medico-legal case review companies, and litigation consultants. In the medical field, a medical record summary service can help to save time organizing medical records for review. It can also help to determine if a patient is or isn't being properly treated for his/her ailment. In the legal field, it can help to assess the merits and demerits of a case. The summary service would help to identify: deviation or negligence from the standards of care, questionable happenings, particular areas requiring attention and pre-existing states that could have a bearing on the case.

A **medical summary** is a concise version of the information found in a patient's medical records. Arrangement and extensive research of the medical records such as progress notes, consultation notes, physician's notes, and operating room records is done to prepare the summary. Information that may be included in this form of a summary includes: the cause of injury or accident, entry into and discharge from the hospital, immediate and ensuing care given, what diagnostic testing revealed, present diagnoses/assessment, medical expenditure and negligence on the part of the provider, of any.

### **Salient Features:**

- Accurate data capture from handwritten text.
- Chronological arranging of patient data and highlighting important medical information.
- Helps to determine if there was negligence or deviation from the standards of care
- Identify areas of concern and questionable occurrences

- Spot any pre-existing conditions that may affect the case.

**An efficient Medical Case Summary & Analysis would contain data such as:**

- Emergency room visit and Hospital stay
- Patient's personal information
- Entry into and discharge from the hospital
- Immediate and ensuing care given
- The medications provided
- Medication in use
- Information concerning the injury or illness
- Opinions of medical professionals with regard to causation, appointment, and disability
- Diagnostic test results.
- Surgical reports.
- Physical therapy, Occupational therapy, speech-language therapy reports.
- Independent Medical Evaluation Reports (IME).
- Medical literature citations when indicated.

**Points to be considered while doing a medical summary:**

- Reviewing the entire set of medical records.
- Identifying the nature of the case (Personal Injury, Slip and Fall, Workers Compensation, Social Security, Medical Malpractice and/or Medical Negligence)
- Giving a brief description of the history of injury/accident. (abstract/textual summary)



- Giving the current status of the patient's health. (Whether under any treatment, physical therapy or medications, extent of disability, if any etc.)
- Summary of the records taking into consideration the past medical history of the patient to assess whether the present injury/accident has aggravated the previous injuries or health conditions.
- Details of specific test results, taken over a period of time.
- Identifying the ICD (International Classification of Disease) codes and the CPT (Clinical Patient Testing) Codes.
- Outline of future treatment and/or related impairment.
- Explanation and definition of medical terminology and medical procedures.
- Commentary on the causal relationship of diagnoses and/ or treatment to the loss.
- Summary of the report and opinion relative to research analysis.

### **Setting High Quality Standards**

Medical summaries/chronologies identify critical information contained in a patient's medical records which assist attorneys to easily classify the strong and weak points in the cases they handle. Medical records review and summary offers comprehensive information regarding the medical facets of a case. All medical records are reviewed in detail and the summary is given in such a way that the patient's personal information, details regarding the illness or injury, medications provided and other core details are systematically arranged for easy access. The greatest advantage of medical case summary service is that it saves valuable time and effort for clients.

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