

**RENOWN PHARMACY INTRODUCES NEW PROGRAM, DELIVERING MEDICATIONS TO PATIENTS AS THEY LEAVE THE HOSPITAL**

*Renown's Medications to Go program offers time-savings and convenience for patients and their families*

**RENO, Nev. (July 29, 2020)** – It can be difficult leaving the hospital after a stay. Learning and understanding detailed care instructions and settling in to a new routine, can be an overwhelming experience for both patients and their caregivers. Plus, there's the added inconvenience of visiting the pharmacy to pick up prescribed medications.

Because it is so inconvenient, one-third of these prescriptions never reach the patient, and remain in a basket at the pharmacy, awaiting pick-up. Because the patient never takes their medication, recovery time can take longer, and in some cases, the patient goes without the needed medications and may be readmitted to the hospital.

To make the process more convenient for patients and their families, Renown Pharmacy now offers a new *Medications to Go* program.

Patients can now receive *Medications to Go* at Renown hospitals. Opting in when they arrive, and the day they leave, their medication will be hand-delivered to them in their room by a member of Renown's pharmacy team, along with medication counseling by a Renown pharmacist. There is no additional cost for patients to use this service aside from their normal medication copays.

"*Medications to Go* is another example of how we are using new approaches to deliver an excellent patient and customer experience, and helping people choose, access, experience and prefer Renown Health providers and hospitals," said Tony Slonim, MD, DrPH, president and CEO of Renown. "We want to help our patients on their journey to health and wellness."

The Renown Pharmacy team has been recognized for several national best practice programs. A similar pilot program showed a 25 percent reduction in hospital readmission rates for patients with Medicaid insurance, emphasizing the need for the service for all patients at all Renown hospital locations. Since June 1, 2020, *Medications to Go* has been available to every patient at Renown Regional Medical Center, Renown South Meadows Medical Center and Renown Rehabilitation Hospital.

"We've filled more than 1,600 prescriptions through the program to date," said Adam Porath, Doctor of Pharmacy, and Renown's interim director. "Patients are very happy – especially new moms and parents of our youngest patients at Renown Children's Hospital."

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**About Renown Health**

Renown Health is the region's largest, locally owned and governed, not-for-profit integrated healthcare network serving Nevada, Lake Tahoe and northeast California. With a diverse workforce of more than 7,000 employees, Renown has fostered a longstanding culture of excellence, determination and innovation. The organization comprises a trauma center, two acute care hospitals, a children's hospital, a rehabilitation hospital, a medical group and urgent care network, and the region's largest, locally owned not-for-profit insurance company, Hometown Health. Renown's institute model addresses social determinants of health and includes: Child Health, Behavioral Health & Addiction, Healthy Aging and Health Innovation. Clinical institutes include: Cancer, Heart and Vascular Health, Neurosciences and Robotic Surgery. Renown is currently enrolling participants in the world's largest community-based genetic population health study, the Healthy Nevada Project<sup>®</sup>. For more information, visit [renown.org](http://renown.org).