



Screening for Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN)

Your health and wellness are very important to us at Mass General Brigham and Spaulding Rehabilitation. We understand that being healthy is about more than taking your medications and that social well-being is important to maintaining good health. Health-related social needs (HRSN), like trouble finding adequate food, transportation, or housing, are some of the non-medical needs that can impact health.

Your health matters to us. Through screening, we can work together and with you to develop targeted interventions and achieve better health outcomes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why am I being asked these questions? Asking about health-related social needs helps us better understand the specific needs of individuals as well as the communities we serve. We encourage you to respond to a short screening questionnaire during your hospital stay or clinic visit, even if you don't need any resources at this time.

Who does Spaulding Rehabilitation ask about health-related social needs? Spaulding Rehabilitation participates in screening for health-related social needs because we care about meeting all our patients' needs. We ask all patients these questions.

What happens to this information? The information you share will become part of your confidential health record to help your health care providers understand your needs.

By understanding non-medical needs, our teams can connect you with resources in the community that may improve your health outside the hospital or clinic. Many of these services are low-cost or free of charge. The information you share with us will not affect the medical services you receive or your insurance benefits.

How often will I be asked these questions? You may be asked these questions as an inpatient or at outpatient clinic visits. You may periodically be asked to update your information.

Am I required to answer these questions? There is no requirement to answer any question, and you may end the screening at any point.