

Family communication tree

When news has to travel through the family, a clear tree prevents the patient from re-explaining 30 times. *Designate one or two people who tell others.*

PATIENT / HOUSEHOLD

PATIENT NAME

LEAD IN-HOUSE CONTACT

FIRST-TIER CONTACTS (TELL DIRECTLY)

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE	EMAIL	WHO THEY TELL NEXT

UPDATE CHANNEL

GROUP TEXT / WHATSAPP / EMAIL LIST

UPDATE FREQUENCY (WEEKLY, ONLY-IF-NEWS, ETC.)

WHO RUNS THE CHANNEL

TIPS

- Patient does NOT have to be on the family update channel
- Lead contact handles questions; patient is protected
- Decide what's shared and what's not — illness updates yes; details no

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