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"Avoiding discharge challenges"

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Fundamental Challenges:

- A hospitalization is often a crisis for person with AD and for the family caregiver
- Hospital staff short on time often resulting in limited interaction with the patient/family
- In later stages, family often expected to increase responsibilities without adequate preparation
- Change requires a new look at discharge

A new look at discharge must...

- Have respect for what we don't know and move from "slice of life" → "big picture"
- Recognize the opportunity to "find the story"
- Identify what's working and what's not – what's missing and what's in place

Community is the Key...

- What can community professionals offer?
 - Work done at CAPP
- What does it mean to partner? What does it look like?

Hope for the future:

- Need to humanize this disease – personalize it
- Recognize transitions (hospitalizations and discharges) as most vulnerable times that also afford opportunities to “get it right”
- Value the critical role of the community professional – partner, partner, partner