

## **Patient Rights**

- 1. The right to be treated with respect, consideration, courtesy, and dignity by all staff of the facility;
- 2. The right to efficient and equal service, regardless of race, sex, religion, ethnic background, education, social class, physical or mental handicap, sexual orientation, age, or economic status;
- 3. The right to complete information concerning diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, and prognosis in terms the average patient can reasonably be expected to understand;
- 4. The right to informed consent and full discussion of risks and benefits prior to any invasive procedure, except in an emergency; alternatives to the proposed procedure must be discussed with the patient;
- 5. The right to participate in decisions involving a patient's own health care, except when such participation is inadvisable for medical reasons;
- 6. The right to obtain assistance in interpretation for non-English-speaking patients;
- 7. The right to know the names, titles, and professions of the facility staff to whom the patient speaks and from whom services or information are received;
- 8. The right to refuse examination, discussion, and procedures to the extent permitted by law, and the right to be informed of the health and legal consequences of refusal.
- 9. The right of access to a patient's own personal health records;
- 10. The right of respect for the patient's privacy;
- 11. The right of confidentiality of a patient's personal health records, as provided by law;
- 12. The right to expect reasonable continuity of care within the scope of services and staffing of the facility;
- 13. The right to change providers if other qualified providers are available;
- 14. The right to be informed of advanced directive options if requested;
- 15. The right to respect for the patient's civil rights and religious opinions or beliefs;
- 16. The right to present complaints or feedback to the management of the facility in writing or by speaking to the Clinic Coordinator without fear of reprisal; and
- 17. The right to examine and receive a full explanation of any charges made by the facility regardless of source of payment.

## **Patient Responsibilities:**

- 1. Ask questions. You and your family are responsible for asking questions when you do not understand your care or what you are expected to do.
- 2. Let your healthcare provider or nurse know about any pain you may be experiencing.
- 3. Cooperate with and behave respectfully toward all health care professionals and staff giving care.
- 4. Be considerate and respectful of other patients and visitors.
- 5. Respect other patient's need for privacy.
- 6. Give complete and accurate details about past illnesses, stays in the hospital, allergies, medicines (including over-the counter products and dietary supplements), present complaints, perceived risks to your care, or other matters relating to your health.
- 7. Tell the provider or nurse about any changes in your health that you may have experienced.
- 8. Follow the agreed-upon treatment plan prescribed by your provider and participate in your care.
- 9. Let the provider or nurse know if you think you cannot or will not follow your treatment plan. Be prepared to accept the consequences of your actions.
- 10. Keep appointments. If you cannot, you should notify the clinic as soon as possible.
- 11. Accept responsibility and promptly pay for any charges not covered by insurance, including co-pays, deductibles, and outstanding balances.