

Patient's Rights & Responsibilities

As a patient, I have the right to:

- ... be treated with care, dignity and respect;
 - ... be listened to carefully and supportively;
 - ... expect that all communications and records pertaining to my care be kept confidential;
 - ... discuss with my health care team, in language that I understand, my diagnosis, treatment, prognosis of my illness, and any instructions required for followup;
 - ... to change my mind about any procedure for which I have given my consent;
 - ... change physician or other caregiver, or seek a second opinion;
 - ... have immediate family members or significant others, with my consent, obtain full information about my disease and its management from involved caregivers;
 - ... be actively involved in any decision making pertaining to my care;
 - ... have access to information about local services, support groups and selfhelp;
 - ... agree or refuse to participate in medical training programs and research projects.
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I, in turn, have the responsibility to:

- ... ask questions until I clearly understand my diagnosis, treatment or method of care;
- ... let my health care team know when I am uncomfortable, in pain, or need more information;
- ... keep the health care team informed on all my decisions;
- ... respect the privacy of other patients.