



Health Corner



Patient's Bill of Rights

As a patient, you have the right to:

- Considerate and respectful care.
- Obtain complete information concerning your diagnosis, treatment and prognosis in language you can understand.
- Information (risks, benefits, alternative treatments) you need in order to give informed consent before treatment.
- Refuse treatment, once you are aware of the facts, to the extent permitted by law.
- Privacy (refusal to be examined in front of people not involved in your case) and confidentiality of records.
- A reasonable response when you ask for help.
- Information about any possible conflicts of interest (hospital ownership of labs, professional relationships among doctors who are treating you).
- Be told if the hospital plans to make your treatment part of a research projects or experiment.
- An itemized explanation of your hospital bill.
- Know what hospital rules apply to your conduct as a patient.
- Expect good follow-up care.

