

# PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

As a patient you have the responsibility of:

1. Providing to the best of your knowledge, an accurate and complete description of your present condition and past medical history, including past illnesses, medications, including over-the-counter products, dietary supplements, allergies, sensitivities and prior hospitalizations/procedures.
2. Informing your provider about any living will, medical power of attorney or other directive that could affect your care.
3. Indicating if you feel your privacy is being violated or safety is being threatened.
4. Reporting any changes in your condition to your physician and indicating whether you understand a suggested course of action
5. Asking your doctor or nurse what to expect regarding pain and pain management and discuss pain relief options. Tell your doctor or nurse if your pain is not relieved and any worries you have about pain medication.
6. Being respectful and considerate of all health care providers, staff and other patients.
7. Making an effort to understand your health care needs and asking your physician or other members of the health care team for information relating to your treatment.
8. Informing those who treat you whether or not you think you can and want to permit or decline specific treatment.
9. Following and taking responsibility for your well being if you refuse treatment or fail to follow the practitioner's instructions.
10. Providing a responsible adult to transport you home from the facility and remain with you for 24 hours.
11. Meeting your financial commitment, including personal financial responsibility for any charges not covered by insurance.