



Comprehensive Pain Management
Minimizing pain. Changing lives.

Pain Bill of Rights

You have a right to:

- Considerate, compassionate, sympathetic, and respectful care.
- Adequate pain prevention or control: ask for changes in treatments if your pain persists
- Have your pain and pain medication history taken and questions answered freely
- Ask how much pain to expect and how long it might last
- Development of a pain plan, information concerning the diagnosis, proposed treatment, and expected prognosis in terms that the patient may reasonably be expected to understand;
- Know what medication, treatment, or anesthesia will be given; Know the risks, benefits, and side effects of treatment; receive the necessary information for medical decision making and the granting of informed consent from the treating practitioner prior to the start of any procedure or treatment.
- Know what alternative pain treatments may be available
- Be believed when you say you have pain and have your pain assessed on an individual basis
- Receive pain medication on a timely basis
- Seek a second opinion or request a pain care specialist
- Your records upon appropriate request processing
- Include family in decision making
- Examine and receive an explanation of the bill for professional services rendered.
- Every consideration of privacy concerning the medical care provided except when there is an imminent risk to the individual or others, or when the practitioner is ordered by a court to breach confidentiality.
- Refuse treatment without prejudice from your doctor, including the right to refuse any and all to the extent permitted by law, and to be informed of any medical consequences of this action.
- Remind those who care for you that pain management is part of your diagnostic, medical, or surgical care.
- Be advised if the practitioner, agency, or facility propose to engage in any form of human experimentation affecting the care or treatment provided. Patient has the right to refuse to participate in research projects or to withdraw continued consent to participate without repercussions.

Patient Responsibility Statement

You are Responsible for:

- Providing to the best of your knowledge accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications and other matters relating to your health.
- Participating in health care decisions and for following the treatment plan outlined by the practitioner responsible for your care. This includes following instructions of the physicians, nurses and other healthcare personnel carrying out the plan of care and enforcing the Center's rules and regulations.
- Ensuring that the financial obligations of your healthcare are fulfilled as promptly as possible, and in the case of financial difficulty, making all reasonable efforts to meet any agreed-upon financial payment plan.
- Your actions if refusing treatment or being non-compliant in following a plan of treatment recommended by your physician.
- Knowing the rules and regulations of the Center affecting your care and conduct, and for following that Center's rules and regulations.
- Being considerate of the rights of other patients and Center personnel, and for assisting in the control of noise and smoking.
- Being respectful of the property of other persons and of the Center.
- Making known to your physician, attending nurse or other healthcare personnel any concerns or complaints you may have.
- Making sure you understand all information regarding the implications of symptoms, procedure (if applicable) and any risks related to having or declining such procedure, the expected outcomes of the plan of care outlined by this physician, and responsibilities with regard to that plan of care.