



PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The care a patient receives depends partially on the patient himself; therefore, in addition to these rights, a patient has certain responsibilities as well.

- The patient has the responsibility to provide accurate and complete information concerning his/her present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications and other matters relating to his/her health.
- The patient is responsible for asking questions about his/her condition, treatments, procedures and diagnostic test results.
- The patient is responsible for reporting perceived risks in his/her care and unexpected changes in his/her condition to his/her responsible practitioner.
- The patient and family are responsible for asking questions when they do not understand what they have been told about the patient's care or what they are expected to do.
- The patient is responsible for following the treatment plan established by his/her physician, including the instructions of nurses and other health professionals as they carry out the physician's orders.
- The patient is responsible for acknowledging when he/she does not understand the treatment course or care decision.
- The patient and family are responsible for immediately reporting any concerns or errors they may observe.
- The patient is responsible for keeping appointments and for notifying the medical office or physician when he/she is unable to do so.
- The patient is responsible for his/her actions should he/she refuse treatment or not follow his/her physician's orders.
- The patient is responsible for assuring that the financial obligations of his/her care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.
- The patient is responsible for following medical office policies and procedures.
- The patient is responsible for being considerate of the rights of other patients and office staff.