



## **NY State Patient Bill of Rights**

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The following is NY States Patient of Bill of Rights. Learn what your rights as a patient are when receiving medical care. Rules vary among the 50 States.

### **PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS**

As a patient in New York State, you have the right, consistent with law to:

Understand and use these rights. If for any reason you do not understand, or need help, the hospital must provide assistance, including an interpreter.

Receive treatment without discrimination as to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or source of payment.

Receive considerate and respectful care in a clean and safe environment, free of unnecessary restraints.

Receive emergency care if you need it.

Be informed of the name and position of the doctor who will be in charge of your care in the hospital.

Know the names, positions, and functions of any hospital staff involved in your care, and refuse their treatment, examination or observation.

A no smoking room.

Receive complete information about your diagnosis, treatment and prognosis.

Receive all the information you need to give informed consent for any proposed procedure or treatment. This information shall include the possible risks and benefits of the procedure or treatment.

Receive all the information you need to give informed consent for an order not to resuscitate. You also have the right to designate an individual to give consent for you if you are too ill to do so.

Refuse treatment and be told what effect this may have on your health.

Refuse to take part in research. In making this decision, you have the right to a full explanation.

Privacy while in the hospital and confidentiality of all information and records regarding your care.

Participate in all decisions about your treatment and discharge from the hospital. The hospital must provide you with a written discharge plan and a written description of how you can appeal your discharge.

Review your medical records without charge. Obtain a copy of your medical record for which the hospital can charge a reasonable fee. You cannot be denied a copy solely because you cannot afford to pay.

Receive an itemized bill and explanation of all charges.

Complain without fear of reprisals about care and services you are receiving and to have the hospital respond to you, and if you request it, a written response. If you are not satisfied with the hospital's response, you can complain to the New York State health department. The hospital must provide you with the Health Department's phone number.

Authorize those family members and other adults who will be given priority to visit consistent with your ability to receive visitors.

Make known your wishes with regard to anatomical gifts. You may document your wishes in your advance directives or a donor card, available from the hospital.

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