

# **PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

## **PURPOSE:**

To comply with Federal and State requirements related to patient responsibilities. For the purposes of this policy, the term "patient" will include both the patient and the patient's authorized representative

## **POLICY:**

1. Provision of Information . Patients are responsible for providing, to the best of their knowledge, accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illness, hospitalizations, allergies or sensitivities, medications (including over the counter, dietary supplements, and/or herbals), and other matters relating to their health. Patients have the responsibility to report unexpected changes in their condition to the responsible practitioner. Patients are responsible for reporting whether they clearly comprehend a contemplated course of action and what is expected of them.
2. Compliance with Instructions - Patients are responsible for following the treatment plan recommended by the practitioner primarily responsible for their care. This may include following the instructions of nurses and allied health personnel as they carry out the coordinated plan of care, implement the responsible practitioner's orders, and enforce the applicable Center rules and regulations. Patients are responsible for keeping appointments and, when you are unable to do so for any reason, for notifying the responsible practitioner or the Center. Patients are responsible for participating in their own care.
3. Refusal of Treatment - Patients are responsible for their actions if they refuse treatment or do not follow the practitioner's instructions.
4. Center Charges - Patients are responsible for assuring that the financial obligations of their health care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.
5. Center Rules and Regulations - Patients are responsible for following Center rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct.
6. Respect and Consideration - Patients are responsible for being considerate of the rights of other patients and Center personnel and for assisting in the control of noise, unauthorized smoking, and the number of visitors. Patients are responsible for being respectful of the property of other persons and of the Center.
7. Child and Adolescent - If the patient is a child or adolescent, the parents or legal guardians shall assume all of the above rights and responsibilities on behalf of the patient. Parent or legal guardian is responsible to be present on site the entire time the patient is at the Center.
8. Advance Directive . Patients are responsible to inform their provider of advance directive.
9. Transport Home . Patients are responsible to provide a responsible adult to transport them home and remain with them for 24 hours, if required by their provider.