

Cardiovascular Surgical Institute of NW Florida, LLC

Title: Patient Rights & Responsibilities

PURPOSE

To demonstrate respect for patient rights and to promote ethical working relationships with the public.

POLICY

The Cardiovascular Surgical Institute of NW Florida patient Bill of Rights will be posted and available to the patient. All patients will be informed of their rights during the preoperative counseling process and, when requested by a patient, the statement will be discussed with the patient by a qualified Cardiovascular Surgical Institute of NW Florida staff member.

Cardiovascular Surgical Institute of NW Florida will provide the patient or the patient's representative with verbal and written notice of the patient's rights in advance of the date of the procedure in a language and manner that the patient or patient's representative will understand. The Patient's Rights and Responsibilities are also posted in the center's lobby in a location that is visible to all patients and visitors.

All Cardiovascular Surgical Institute of NW Florida staff will attend orientation and in-service programs on patient rights.

Patient's Rights:

Florida law requires that your health care provider or health care facility recognize your rights while you are receiving medical care and that you respect the health care provider's or health care facility's right to expect certain behavior on the part of patients. You may request a copy of the full text of this law from your health care provider or health care facility. A summary of your rights and responsibilities follows:

A patient has the right to be treated with courtesy and respect, with appreciation of his or her individual dignity, and with protection of his or her need for privacy.

A patient has the right to a prompt and reasonable response to questions and requests.

A patient has the right to know who is providing medical services and who is responsible for his or her care.

A patient has the right to know what patient support services are available, including whether an interpreter is available if he or she does not speak English.

A patient has the right to know what rules and regulations apply to his or her conduct.

A patient has the right to be given by the health care provider information concerning diagnosis, planned course of treatment, alternatives, risks, and prognosis.

A patient has the right to be informed of their right to change providers if other qualified providers are available.

A patient has the right to refuse any treatment, except as otherwise provided by law.

A patient has the right to be given, upon request, full information and necessary counseling on the availability of known financial resources for his or her care.

A patient who is eligible for Medicare has the right to know, upon request and in advance of treatment; whether the health care provider or healthcare facility accepts the Medicare assignment

rate.

A patient has the right to receive, upon request, prior to treatment, a reasonable estimate of charges for medical care.

A patient has the right to receive a copy of a reasonably clear and understandable, itemized bill and, upon request, to have the charges explained.

A patient has the right to impartial access to medical treatment or accommodations, regardless of race, national origin, religion, handicap, or source of payment.

A patient has the right to treatment for any emergency medical condition that will deteriorate from failure to provide treatment.

A patient has the right to know if medical treatment is for purposes of experimental research and to give his or her consent or refusal to participate in such experimental research.

A patient has the right to express grievances regarding any violation of his or her rights, as stated in Florida law, through the grievance procedure of the health care provider or health care facility which served him or her and to the appropriate state licensing agency.

Patient's Responsibilities:

The patient is responsible for providing to the health care provider, to the best of his or her knowledge, accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters relating to his or her health.

The patient is responsible for reporting unexpected changes in his or her condition to the health care provider.

The patient is responsible for reporting to the health care provider whether he or she comprehends a contemplated course of action and what is expected of him or her.

A patient is responsible for following the treatment plan recommended by the health care provider.

A patient is responsible for keeping appointments and, when he or she is unable to do so for any reason, for notifying the health care provider or health care facility.

A patient is responsible for his or her actions should he or she refuses treatment or does not follow the health care provider's instructions.

A patient is responsible for assuring that the financial obligations of his or her health care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.

A patient is responsible for following health care facility rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct.

A patient is responsible for being respectful of all the healthcare professionals and staff, as well as other patients

If you need an interpreter:

If you will need an interpreter, **please let us know** and one will be provided for you. If you have someone who can translate confidential, medical and financial information for you please make arrangements to have them accompany you on the day of your procedure.

Rights and Respect for Property and Person:

The patient has the right to:

Exercise his or her rights without being subjected to discrimination or reprisal.

Voice a grievance regarding treatment or care that is, or fails to be furnished.
Be fully informed about a treatment or procedure and the expected outcome before it is performed.
Confidentiality of personal medical information.

Privacy and Safety:

The patient has the right to:

Personal privacy.

Receive care in a safe setting.

Be free from all forms of abuse or harassment.