

## PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

(In accordance with federal Patient's Bill of Rights law – 42 CFR Part 482 effective 8-2-99)  
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The patient has the right to considerate and respectful care.

The patient has the right to and is encouraged to obtain from his/her physician and other direct care givers relevant, current and understandable information concerning diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis.

Patients have the right to know the identity of the physicians, nurses, and others involved in their care, as well as when those involved are students, residents, or other trainees. The patient also has the right to know the immediate and long term financial implications of treatment choices, insofar as they are known.

The patient has the right to make decisions about the plan of care prior to and during the course of treatment and to refuse a recommended treatment plan of the care to the extent permitted by law and practice policy and to be informed of the medical consequences of this action. In case of such refusal, the patient is entitled to other appropriate care and services that the practice provides or transfer to another physician.

The patient has the right to have an advance directive (such as a living will, health care proxy, or durable power of attorney for health care) concerning treatment or designating a surrogate decision maker with the expectation that the practice will honor the intent of that directive to the extent permitted by law and practice policy.

The patient has the right to every consideration of **privacy**. Case discussion, consultation, examination, and treatment should be conducted so as to protect each patient's privacy.

The patient has the right to expect that all communication and records pertaining to his/her care will be treated as confidential by the practice, except in cases such as suspected abuse and public health hazards when reporting is permitted or required by law. The patient has the right to expect that the practice will emphasize the confidentiality of this information when it releases it to any other parties entitled to review information in these records.

The patient has the right to review the records pertaining to his/her medical care and to have the information explained or interpreted as necessary, except when restricted by law.

Parents or guardians have the right to receive information needed to give the necessary consent for their child's/ward's treatment, unless access is prohibited by law.

A minor patient has a right to confidential medical treatment under specific circumstances without parental consent pursuant to state law.

The patient has the right to be informed of practice policies and procedures that relate to patient care, treatment, and responsibilities. The patient has the right to be informed of the practice's charges for services and available payment methods.

### Patient Rights regarding medical records

Medical records may contain sensitive information. This medical information is protected under State and Federal Law and is privileged and confidential information which may be disclosed only on authorization, except as expressly required by law.

I understand that my medical records may contain sensitive information on AIDS, HIV, mental or developmental disabilities and/or substance abuse test results, etc. I understand that I have the right to inspect and receive copies of information (a fee may be charged for copies) that is disclosed if I so direct Family Doctors of DuPage as such.