

Patient's Responsibilities

- A patient has the responsibility to provide, to the best of his knowledge, accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters relating to his health. He has the responsibility to report unexpected changes in his condition to the responsible practitioner. A patient is responsible for reporting whether he clearly comprehends a contemplated course of action and what is expected of him.
- A patient is responsible for following the treatment plan recommended by the physician primarily responsible for his care. This may include following the instructions of nurses and skilled health personnel as they carry out the coordinated plan of care, implement the responsible physician's orders, and enforce the applicable hospital rules and regulations. The patient is responsible for keeping appointments and for notifying the responsible physician or hospital when unable to do so.
- The patient is responsible for his actions and subsequent consequences if he refuses treatment or does not follow the physician's instructions.
- The patient is responsible for assuring that the financial obligations of his health care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.
- The patient is responsible for following hospital rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct.
- The patient is responsible for being considerate of the rights of other patients and hospital personnel and for assisting in the control of noise, smoking, and the number of visitors. The patient is responsible for being respectful of the property of other persons and of the hospital.