



**SKULL BASE**  
I N S T I T U T E

## **PATIENT'S RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

### ***The patient has the right to:***

- Exercise these rights without regard to sex, cultural, economic, educational, or religious background for care.
- Considerate and respectful care.
- Knowledge of the name of the physician who has primary responsibility for coordinating and the names and professional relationships of other physicians and non-physicians who will see the patient.
- Receive information about the illness, the course of treatment and prospects for recovery in terms that the patient can understand.
- Receive as much information about any proposed treatment or procedure as the patient may need in order to give informed consent or to refuse the course of treatment. Except in emergencies, this information shall include a description of the procedure or treatment, the medically significant risks involved in this treatment, alternate courses of treatment or non-treatment and the risks involved in each and to know the name of the person who will carry out the procedure or treatment.
- Participate actively in decisions regarding medical care. To the extent permitted by law, this includes the right to refuse treatment.
- Full consideration of privacy concerning the medical care program. Case discussion, consultation, examination and treatment are confidential and should be conducted discreetly. The patient has the right to be advised as to the reason for the presence of any individual.
- Confidential treatment of all communications and records pertaining to the care and the stay in the hospital. Written permission shall be obtained before records can be made available to anyone not directly concerned with the care.
- Reasonable responses to any reasonable request made for service.
- Leave the hospital even against the advice of physicians except as mandated for involuntary holds for psychiatric patients.
- Reasonable continuity of care and to know in advance the time and location of the appointments as well as the identity of persons providing the care.
- Be advised if hospital/personal physician proposes to engage in or perform human experimentation affecting care or treatment. The patient has the right to refuse to participate in such research projects.
- Be informed of continuing health care requirements following discharge from the hospital.
- Examine and receive an explanation of the bill regardless of source of payment.