

Give Yourself the Gift of Equality

Know Your Patient RIGHTS

Patients are Encouraged to:

Be truthful and forthcoming with the person treating me and the administrative staff supporting me

Initiate complaints when I see or experience illegal or unethical behavior from health care professionals



Every Expectant Mother is Unique, Your Care Should Be Too

You have the right to:

- Be actively listened to
- Know if a procedure or intervention is minor or major
- Explore all reasonable alternatives including risks and possible benefits
- Understand the risks and anticipated benefits involved
- Refuse or withdraw from my health care without judgement from health care team
- Know about medical students, residents, and other trainees under supervision that are part of my health care team
- Be free from force, fraud, or coercion by the person treating me
- Be spoken with in a nonjudgemental and respectful way
- Understand the intended effects versus possible side effects
- Be honest about personal health information without judgement
- Ask questions and negotiate aspects of my treatment
- Know if the person performing any procedure or intervention is an attending physician or other care provider
- Have the person treating me be honest about what they know and whether they have an immediate answer



This guide has been designed to give patients a basic understanding of their rights and responsibilities. It was created by and for community members.