

# NEW YORK CENTER FOR AMBULATORY SURGERY

## PATIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

THIS SURGERY CENTER HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PATIENTS:

### PATIENT RIGHTS

Exercise these rights without regard to sex or cultural, economic, educational, or religious background or the source of payment for his/her care.

Treated with respect, consideration, and dignity.

Provided with appropriate personal privacy, care in safe setting, and free from all forms of abuse and harassment. Knowledge of the name of the physician who has primary responsibility for coordinating his/her care and the names and professional relationships of other physicians who will see him/her.

Receive information from his/her physician about his illness, his/her course of treatment and his prospect for recovery in terms that he/she can understand.

Receive as much information from his/her physician about any proposed treatment or procedure as he/she may need in order to give informed consent or to refuse this course of treatment. Except in emergencies this information shall include a description of the procedure or treatment, the medically significant risks involved in each, and to know the name of the person who will carry out the procedure or treatment.

Actively participate in decisions regarding his/her medical care to the extent permitted by law, this includes the right to refuse treatment or change his/her primary physician.

Disclosures and records are treated confidentially, except when required by law, patients are given the opportunity to approve or refuse their release.

Information for the provision of after-hour and emergency care.

Information regarding fees for service, payment policies and financial obligations.

The right to decline participation in experimental or trial studies.

The right to receive marketing or advertising materials that reflects the services of the Centers in a way that is not misleading.

The right to express their concerns and receive a response to their inquiries in a timely fashion free from reprisal.

The right to self-determination including the right to accept or refuse treatment and the right to formulate an Advanced Directive.

The right to know and understand what to expect related to their care and treatment.

If a patient is adjudged incompetent under applicable laws by a court of proper Jurisdiction, the rights of the patient are exercised by the person appointed under state law to act on the patient's behalf

### PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide complete and accurate information to the best of his/her ability about his/her health, any medications, including over-the-counter products and dietary supplements, and any allergies or sensitivities. Ask for an explanation if you do not understand papers you are asked to sign, or anything about your own or your child's care.

Gather as much information as you need in order to make informed decisions.

Be available so staff can teach you how to care for yourself or your child; we want to share our knowledge with you; but, you must be prepared to learn.

Follow the care prescribed or recommended for you or your child by the physicians, nurses, and other members of the healthcare team. Remember, if you refuse treatment or do not follow instructions, you are responsible for your actions.

Respect the rights and privacy of others. Assure the financial responsibility associated with your own or your child's care are fulfilled.

Responsible for being respectful of his/her personal property and that of other persons in the Center.

Take an active role in ensuring safe patient care. Ask questions or state concerns while in our care.

Provide a responsible adult to transport you home from the facility and remain with you for 24 hours, if required by your provider. Inform his/her provider regarding any Living Will, Medical Power of Attorney, or other directive that could affect his/her care.

### ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

An "Advance Directive" is a general term that refers to your oral and written instructions about your future medical care, in the event that you become unable to speak for yourself. Each state regulates that the use of advance directives differently. There are two types of advance directives: a living will and a medical power of attorney. If you would like a copy of the official state advance directive forms: visit:

[http://www.calhealth.org/Download/AdvanceDirective\\_English.pdf](http://www.calhealth.org/Download/AdvanceDirective_English.pdf)

or

[http://www.calhealth.org/Download/AdvanceDirective\\_Spanish.pdf](http://www.calhealth.org/Download/AdvanceDirective_Spanish.pdf)

### OUR SURGERY CENTER'S ADVANCE DIRECTIVE POLICY

The majority of procedures performed at the Surgery Center are considered to be minimal risk. Of course, no surgery is without risk. You and your surgeon will have discussed the specifics of your procedure, the risks associated with your procedure, the expected recovery and the care after your surgery.

It is the policy of the Surgery Center, regardless of the contents of any advance directive or instructions from a healthcare surrogate or attorney in fact, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at the Surgery Center, the personnel at the Surgery Center will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you at once to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. At the acute care hospital further treatment or withdrawal of treatment measures already begun will be ordered in accordance with your wishes, advance directive, or health care power of attorney.

Persons who have a concern or grievance regarding New York Center for Ambulatory Surgery, including but not limited to, decisions regarding admission, treatment, discharge, denial of services, quality of services, courtesy of personnel or any other issue are encouraged to contact the Administrator or write a statement to:

Administrator 1210 2nd Ave, NY, NY 10065  
(646)-928-5900

Any complaints regarding services provided at New York Center for Ambulatory Surgery can be directed in writing or by telephone to:

New York State Department of Health Corning Tower  
Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12237  
Hospital Patient Care Complaints 1-800-804-5447

Medicare patients should visit the website below to understand your rights and protections:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/ombudsman.asp>

I received information on patient rights, patient responsibilities, physician disclosure, advance directive policy and grievance policy at least one day in advance of my surgery.

Print Patient Name

Patient/Responsible Party Signature

Date