Related Patient Rights:

- To be free from restraints and/or seclusion unless clinically necessary to protect the safety of the patient and/or others.
- To pastoral counseling and assistance in obtaining other spiritual services at the request of the patient.
- To express spiritual and cultural practices as long as they do not interfere with treatment.
- To formulate an Advance Directive and to have Mercy Fitzgerald’s staff and practitioners who provide care comply with the patient’s Advance Directive.
- When a patient is incapacitated, when an individual presents the hospital with an advance directive, medical power of attorney or similar document executed by the patient and designating an individual to make medical decisions for the patient when incapacitated, then the hospital must, when presented with the document, provide the required notice of its policies to the designated representative.

Rights of Minors and Incompetent Patients:

- To ensure the rights of the neonate, child or adolescent patients, the patient has the right to expect the treatments or individualized needs shall be communicated with the patient’s parent or guardian as well as the patient’s minor needs shall be considered.
- To appoint a patient’s health care agent/health care representative in the event the patient should become incompetent.

Patient Responsibilities:

- A patient is expected to cooperate with and follow the given care and treatment instructions and accept the consequences of not following instructions.
- A patient must follow the rules of the hospital, including those rules concerning: visitation, refraining from smoking, and the use of TV, radio or other electrical equipment.
- A patient must provide information about their health history, including present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations and indications of perceived risk in their care.
- A patient is expected to show respect and consideration.
- A patient is expected to exhibit good health behavior, including proper diet and exercise, and to contact the hospital as a part of a medical care research program or donor program, and to participate in investigational studies/therapeutic trials.
- A patient is expected to participate in consultation and/or significant others.
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