

# PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

**As a parent, legal guardian or person with decision-making authority for a pediatric patient receiving care in this hospital, you have the right, consistent with the law, to the following:**

- 1) To inform the hospital of the name of your child's primary care provider, if known, and have this information documented in your child's medical record.
- 2) To be assured our hospital will only admit pediatric patients to the extent consistent with our hospital's ability to provide qualified staff, space and size appropriate equipment necessary for the unique needs of pediatric patients.
- 3) To allow at least one parent or guardian to remain with your child at all times, to the extent possible given your child's health and safety needs.
- 4) That all test results completed during your child's admission or emergency room visit be reviewed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner who is familiar with your child's presenting condition.
- 5) For your child not to be discharged from our hospital or emergency room until any tests that could reasonably be expected to yield critical value results are reviewed by a physician, physician assistant, and/or nurse practitioner and communicated to you or other decision makers, and your child, if appropriate. Critical value results are results that suggest a life-threatening or otherwise significant condition that requires immediate medical attention.
- 6) For your child not to be discharged from our hospital or emergency room until you or your child, if appropriate, receives a written discharge plan, which will also be verbally communicated to you and your child or other medical decision makers. The written discharge plan will specifically identify any critical results of laboratory or other diagnostic tests ordered during your child's stay and will identify any other tests that have not yet been concluded.
- 7) To be provided critical value results and the discharge plan for your child in a manner that reasonably ensures that you, your child (if appropriate), or other medical decision makers understand the health information provided in order to make appropriate health decisions.
- 8) For your child's primary care provider, if known, to be provided all laboratory results of this hospitalization or emergency room visit.
- 9) To request information about the diagnosis or possible diagnoses that were considered during this episode of care and complications that could develop as well as information about any contact that was made with your child's primary care provider.
- 10) To be provided, upon discharge of your child from the hospital or emergency department, with a phone number that you can call for advice in the event that complications or questions arise concerning your child's condition.

Public Health Law (PHL) 2803(i)(g) Patients' Rights 10NYCRR, Section 405.7



## **Stony Brook University Hospital Patients' Responsibilities**

In addition to rights, as a patient or a visitor you also have responsibilities to help ensure a safe environment:

- 1) Provide to the best of your knowledge any information about your health history and a copy of your Health Care Proxy.
- 2) Be open with all health care personnel caring for you, and ask questions if you do not understand any directions or information given to you.
- 3) Be mindful that an abundance of visitors or excessive noise may be upsetting to other patients or visitors. We request a maximum of 2 visitors at the bedside to maintain a healing environment.
- 4) Support mutual consideration and respect by maintaining civil language and conduct in interactions with the hospital staff. Abusive or disrespectful behavior may result in your dismissal from Stony Brook Medicine care.
- 5) Smoking is not permitted in any Stony Brook Medicine property, buildings or parking lots/garage.
- 6) Stony Brook Medicine reserves the right to search patient rooms and belongings for illegal substances if illegal activity is suspected. Do not take drugs except those given to you by the Stony Brook Medicine staff. Do not consume alcoholic beverages or toxic substances.
- 7) Do not take pictures, videos or otherwise make any recordings on Stony Brook Medicine property of the hospital staff, patients, and visitors.
- 8) Protect your personal belongings, as you are responsible for any items that you keep in your possession.
- 9) Be prompt in your payment of hospital bills by providing the information necessary for insurance processing and asking questions you may have concerning the bill.

The Patients' Bill of Rights were drawn up as a means of achieving better communication between the patient and the healthcare team. If you have any questions regarding your rights and/or responsibilities at Stony Brook Medicine, or if you need help resolving a problem that can't be addressed by your healthcare team, please call the Department of Patient Advocacy. The Patient Advocate is here to help answer your questions about your hospitalization and assist in facilitating communication with your healthcare team.

Patient Advocacy  
Stony Brook University Hospital  
Level 5, Room 540  
Tel: (631) 444-2880

You may also call the New York State Department of Health at 1-800-804-5447 or the Joint Commission at 1-800-994-6610 or via email at [complaint@jointcommission.org](mailto:complaint@jointcommission.org).