

C-MED AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER

PATIENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Patient Rights and Responsibilities are established with the expectation that observance of these rights and responsibilities will contribute to more effective patient care, greater patient satisfaction, positive outcomes and a better Healthcare partnership. Patients and or their representative shall have the following rights without regard to age, race, sex, physical handicap, national origin, religion, cultural, personal value and/or belief system or whether or not they have an advance directive.

PATIENT RIGHTS

A patient has the right to be treated with courtesy and respect, with appreciation of his or her individual dignity, and with protection of his or her privacy, physical safety and emotional being.

A patient has the right to be treated in an environment free of all forms of abuse or harassment.

A patient has the right to expect confidential treatment of their financial and medical records and is given the opportunity to approve or refuse their release except when required by law.

A patient has the right to know to the highest degree possible, complete information concerning their diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, and prognosis.

A patient has the right to participate in decisions involving their health care or to refuse care, except when such participation is contraindicated for medical reasons.

A patient has the right to a prompt and reasonable response to questions and requests.

A patient has the right to know who is providing medical services and who is responsible for his or her own care.

A patient has the right to be informed of their right to change providers if other qualified providers are available.

A patient has the right to be given, upon request, full information and necessary counseling on the availability of known financial resources for his or her care.

A patient judged legally incompetent shall have their rights exercised by the person appointed on the patient's behalf.

A patient may legally delegate his/her right to make informed decisions to another person if they are unable to make a decision. An advance directive, medical power of attorney or legal representative of the patient may provide guidance as to the patient's wishes if they are unable.

A patient who is eligible for Medicare has the right to know, upon request and in advance of treatment, whether the healthcare provider or the Center accepts the Medicare assignment rate.

A patient has the right to formulate an Advance Directive.

A patient has the right to receive, upon request, prior to treatment, a reasonable estimate of charges for medical care.

A patient has the right to receive a hard copy of reasonably clear and understandable, itemized bill and, upon request, to have the charges explained.

A patient has the right to know if medical treatment is for the purpose of experimental research and to give his or her consent or refusal to participate in such experimental research.

A patient has the right to express grievances regarding any violation of his or her rights without fear of discrimination or reprisal by notifying the Surgery Center Administrator @ 727-724-5653 and/or The Office of the Attorney General, State of Florida, The Capitol PL-01, Tallahassee, FL, 32399-1050 at (850) 414-3300 or Florida Toll Free at (866) 966-7226 and/or to The Office of the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman @ 1-800-MEDICARE or visit the website at www.medicare.gov/ombudsman/resources.asp

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

A patient is responsible for providing to the health care provider, to the best of his/ her knowledge, accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications (including over-the-counter, herbal and dietary products), allergies and sensitivities and other matters relating to his/her health.

A patient is responsible for reporting unexpected changes in his or her condition to the health care provider.

A patient is responsible for reporting to the health care provider whether he or she comprehends a contemplated course of action and what is expected of him or her.

A patient is responsible for following the treatment plan recommended by the health care provider.

A patient is responsible for keeping appointments and, when he or she is unable to do so for any reason, for notifying the health care provider or the Center.

A patient is responsible for his or her actions if he or she refuses treatment or does not follow the health care provider's instructions.

A patient is responsible for informing his/her provider about any living will, medical power of attorney, or other directive that could affect his/her care.

A patient is responsible for providing a responsible adult to transport him/her from the facility and remain with them for 24 hours, if required by their physician.

A patient is responsible for assuring that the financial obligations of his or her health care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.

A patient is responsible for following the Center rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

Florida law says that a health care facility shall provide to each patient written information concerning the individual's rights concerning advance directives and the health care facility's policies regarding the implementation of such rights, and shall document in the patient's medical records whether or not the individual has executed an advance directive. The health care facility may not require a patient to execute an advance directive or to execute a new advance directive using the facility's or provider's forms. The patient's advance directives shall travel with the patient as part of the patient's medical record.

The physicians and staff of C-Med Ambulatory Surgery Center respect your rights to participate in decisions regarding your health care. The policy of the Surgery Center is that all patients undergoing surgical procedures will be considered eligible and will receive life sustaining emergency treatment. If you are transferred to a hospital your Advance Directive will be sent with you as part of your medical record.

DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP

The following physicians have financial interest or ownership in C-Med Ambulatory Surgery Center: Kenneth Botwin MD, Constantine Bouchlas MD, Luis Figueroa MD, Ashraf Hanna MD, Francisco Torres, MD, Scott Webb, DO