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PATIENTS' RIGHTS

The physician-patient relationship is the foundation of medical law. Upon it rest the legal rights and obligations of both patients and physicians.

Rights of the Patient

- The right to choose the physician from whom he/she wishes to receive treatment.
- The right to say whether or not medical treatment will begin and to set limits on the care provided.
- the right to know before the treatment begins what it will consist of, what effect it will have on the body, and what are the inherent risks, complications, and contraindications.

“Patient informed consent to treat”

Patients' Obligations

- To tell the physician the truth about the nature and duration of the symptoms and medical history.
- To follow the physician's instructions concerning treatment, diet, medication, exercise, habits, follow-up appointments, and so forth.
- To pay the physician for services rendered.

Physicians' Obligations

- to treat the patient as long as the patient's medical condition requires it or until a proper withdrawal or discharge is made.
- To inform patients of proposed treatment or procedure and obtaining appropriate consent before proceeding.
- To caution patients against unneeded or undesirable surgery.