

PATIENT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN ANAESTHESIA

1. RIGHTS

- 1.1 The right to have his privacy, dignity, religious and cultural beliefs respected.
- 1.2 The right to receive medical advice and treatment which fully meets the current accepted standards.
- 1.3 The right to know the identity and professional status of all attending staff.
- 1.4 The right to be informed with a clear, concise and understandable explanation, of the proposed care and procedures including alternatives and common side effects and risks.
- 1.5 The right to a second opinion without prejudice to any aspect of future treatment.
- 1.6 The right to know of any proposal to be involved in teaching or research activities, and to understand that non-involvement will not prejudice treatment.
- 1.7 The right to refuse treatment, and to be informed of the effects of such refusal.
- 1.8 The right to expect that all aspects of care will remain confidential.
- 1.9 The right to know the financial implications of therapy.
- 1.10 The right to make complaints and be informed of the appropriate channels available.
- 1.11 The right of access to their medical information.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The responsibility to inform the doctor fully of all relevant medical history.
- 2.2 The responsibility to comply with the agreed prescribed treatment or inform medical staff of the intention not to comply.
- 2.3 The responsibility to meet their financial obligations in relation to their care and treatment and to inform their doctors if they are unable to do so.
- 2.4 The responsibility not to ask hospital staff to provide incorrect information, receipts or certificates.
- 2.5 The responsibility to show consideration for the rights of other patients and hospital rules concerning patient conduct.

GUIDELINES ON PATIENT'S RIGHTS

These guidelines have been prepared with regard to general circumstances, and it is the responsibility of the practitioner to pay particular attention to the circumstances and applicability of these guidelines to each case.

As the guidelines are reviewed from time to time, it is the responsibility of the practitioner to ensure that he or she uses the current version. Guidelines have been prepared having regard to the information then available and the practitioner should consider any information, research or material which may have become available subsequently.

Whilst the college endeavours to ensure that the guidelines are correct at the time of their preparation, no responsibility is taken for matters arising from changed circumstances, information or material which may have become available subsequently.