



TEXAS
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PATIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

These rights can be exercised on the patient’s behalf by a designated surrogate or proxy decision maker if the patient lacks decision-making capacity is illegally incompetent or is a minor.

- A. You have the right to reasonable response to requests and needs for treatment or service within TCID’s capacity, its stated mission and applicable law and regulation.**
- B. You have the right to considerate and respectful care. This right includes:**
 - 1. Consideration of psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural variables that influence the perceptions of illness; and**
 - 2. Care of the dying patient that optimizes the comfort and dignity of the patient through:**
 - a. Treating primary and secondary symptoms that respond to treatment as desired by the patient or surrogate decision-maker;**
 - b. Effectively managing pain; and,**
 - c. Acknowledging the psychosocial and spiritual concerns of the patient and the family regarding dying and the expression of grief by the patient and family.**
- C. You have the right, in collaboration with your physician, to make decisions involving your health care including:**
 - 1. The right to accept medical care or to refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law and be informed of the medical consequences of any such refusal; and**
 - 2. The rights to formulate advance directives and appoint a surrogate to make health care decisions on your behalf to the extent permitted by law;**
 - a. In formulating an advance directive, TCID shall have in place a mechanism to ascertain the existence of and assist in the filing of advance directives at the time of admission;**
 - b. The provision of care shall not be conditioned on the existence of an advance directive; and**
 - c. An advance directive shall be in the patient’s medical record and shall be reviewed periodically with the patient or surrogate decision- maker if an advance directive has been executed**
- D. You have the right to information necessary to enable you to make treatment decisions that reflect your wishes. A policy on informed decision making is developed by the medical staff and governing body consistent with any legal requirements; that policy is available to you at your request.**

- E. You have the right to receive, at the time of admission, information about TCID’s patient rights policy and the mechanism for the initiation, review, and, when possible, resolution of patient complaints concerning the quality of care.
- F. You have the right, or you may have your designated representative, to participate in the consideration of ethical issues that arise in your care. The Center has a mechanism for the consideration of ethical issues arising in the care of patients and to provide education to caregivers and patients on ethical issues in health care. That process can be explained to you and initiated at your request.
- G. You have the right to be informed of any human experimentation or other research or educational projects affecting your care or treatment.
- H. You have the right, within the limits of law, to personal privacy and confidentiality of information.
- I. You and/or your legally designated representative have access to the information contained in the medical records, within the limits of the law.
- J. Your guardian, next of kin, or legally authorized responsible person has the right to exercise, to the extent permitted by law, the rights delineated on behalf of you, the patient, if you the patient:
 - 1. Has been adjudicated incompetent in accordance with the law;
 - 2. Is found by the physician to be medically incapable of understanding the proposed treatment or procedure;
 - 3. Is unable to communicate your wishes regarding treatment; or
 - 4. Is a minor.

Signature of Patient, Next of Kin, or Legal Representative

Date

Witness

Date

Extracted from Texas Administrative Code for Hospitals,
133.42 As provided by the Texas Department of Health
Health Facility Licensure and Certification Division