

The Skin Surgery Center Patient Rights

The Skin Surgery Center performs many functions, including the prevention and treatment of disease, the education of both health professionals and patients, and clinical research. All these activities must be conducted with an overriding concern for the patient and, above all, the recognition of his/her dignity as a human being. Success in achieving this recognition assures success in preserving the rights of the patient. As one of our patients, you have choices, rights and responsibilities. You have the right:

- ✿ to considerate and respectful care.
- ✿ to get complete, up-to-date information about your diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis (expected outcome) from your physician in terms the patient can reasonably be expected to understand
- ✿ to know by name the physician who is responsible for coordinating the care of the patient.
- ✿ to get enough information about any proposed treatment or procedure to make an “informed consent” – that is, you should know enough about the expected benefits, possible hazards, and time needed for recovery to decide if you want that treatment or procedure. This information should come from your doctor and should be provided in every case except in an emergency where delay could harm you. You should be told about alternatives to the proposed treatment and/or procedure, and you have the right to know who will be responsible for administering the treatment and/or procedure.
- ✿ to refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law, and to be informed of the possible medical consequences of doing so.
- ✿ to every consideration of your privacy concerning your own medical care program. Case discussion, consultation, examination, and treatment are confidential and should be conducted discreetly. Those not directly involved in your care must have the permission of the patient to be present.
- ✿ to expect that all communications and records concerning your care should be treated as confidential.
- ✿ to expect The Skin Surgery Center to make a reasonable response to your request for services.
- ✿ to be informed of any relations the Center has to any other health care and/or education institutions if the relationship may affect your care. Similarly, you have the right to know if any of the people treating you have any professional relationships among themselves that might affect your care.
- ✿ to be told if the Center plans to engage in any human experimentation that might affect your care or treatment. You have the right to refuse to participate in such research projects.
- ✿ to expect reasonable continuity of care. You have the right to know in advance what appointment times and physicians are available and where they will be.
- ✿ to be informed about what his continuing health care requirements will be after discharge.
- ✿ to examine and receive an explanation of your bill regardless of whether it is paid by you or another source.
- ✿ to know what Skin Surgery Center rules and regulations apply to your conduct as a patient.