



The following information on Patient and Family Rights and Responsibilities is provided for all patients scheduled at the Naugatuck Valley surgical Center. If you have any questions on this information, please do not hesitate to contact the facility.

### PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The patient has the responsibility to supply accurate and complete information to the best of his/her ability about his/her health history, hospitalizations, medications, including over the counter products and dietary supplements, allergies and sensitivities, and other matters relating to his/her health.
2. The patient has the responsibility to follow the treatment plan recommended by his/her doctor and to report any unexpected changes in his/her condition.
3. The patient has the responsibility to provide a responsible adult to transport him/her home from the facility and remain with him/her for 24 hours, if required by the Surgical Center or health care provider.
4. The patient has the responsibility to inform his/her health care provider about any living will, medical power of attorney, or other directive that could affect his/her care.
5. The patient has the responsibility to cooperate with all Surgical Center personnel, and to ask questions if any instructions or information are not understood.
6. The patient has the responsibility to be considerate of other patients and Surgical Center personnel, and ensure his/her visitors are considerate as well, particularly in regards to noise and the number of visitors.
7. The patient has the responsibility to keep appointments or notify the Surgical Center if unable to keep a scheduled appointment.
8. The patient has the responsibility to collaborate with his/her doctor or nurse in the areas of pain and pain management.
9. The patient has the responsibility to fulfill the financial obligations of his/her health and accept personnel financial responsibility for any charges not covered by his/her insurance.
10. The patient has the responsibility to be respectful of others, of other people's property, and that of the Surgical Center.
11. The patient has the responsibility to abide by Surgical Center rules and regulations and to see that his/her visitors do likewise.
12. The patient has the responsibility of his/her actions if he/she refuses treatment or does not follow the health care provider's instructions.
13. The patient has the responsibility to follow health care facility rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct.

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\* 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 legally incompetent, or is a minor.

Adapted from "A statement on a Patient's Bill of Right" published by the American Hospital Associations, 1972 and revised as of October 1992