



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.

### **PEDIATRIC RIGHTS**

In addition to the rights of adult patients, children and adolescents and their parents/guardians, shall have the following rights:

1. Respect for each child and adolescent as a unique individual, and the care taking role of the individual response of the patient.
2. Provision for normal physical and physiological needs of a growing child to include nutrition, rest, sleep, warmth, activity and freedom to move and explore.
3. Consistent, supportive and nurturing care which meets the emotional and psychosocial needs of the child, fosters open communication, and encourages human relationships.
4. Provision for self-esteem needs that will be met by attempts to give the child including:
  - a. the reassuring presence of a caring person, especially a parent
  - b. freedom to express feelings of fears with appropriate reactions
  - c. as much control as possible, over both self and situation
  - d. provide opportunities to work through experiences before and after they occur, verbally, in play or other appropriate ways
  - e. recognition and reward for coping well during difficult situations
5. Provision for varied and normal stimuli of life which contributes to cognitive, social, emotional and physical development needs to include play, educational and social activities essential to all children and adolescents.
6. Information about what to expect prior to, during and following procedure/experience and support in coping with it.
7. Participation of children/families in decisions affecting their own medical treatment.

.....  
\* 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