

Patient Rights and Responsibilities

The patient has the right to exercise his or her rights without being subjected to discrimination or reprisal and receive services without regard to age, race, color, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, sex, national origin, or sponsor.

- If a patient is adjudged incompetent under applicable State health and safety laws by a court of proper jurisdiction, the rights of the patient are exercised by the person appointed under State law to act on the patient's behalf.
- If a State court has not adjudged a patient incompetent, any legal representative designated by the patient in accordance with State law may exercise the patient's rights to the extent allowed by State law.

Respect

- Patients are treated with respect, consideration, and dignity for both property and person.

Dignity/Privacy

- Patients are provided appropriate privacy and confidentiality including all information and records pertaining to the patient's treatment.
- Authorize those family members and other adults who will be given priority to visit consistent with your ability to receive visitors.

Consideration and Safety

- Receive care in a safe setting.
- Be free from all forms of abuse and harassment.

Confidentiality

- Patient disclosures and records are treated confidentially, and patients are given the opportunity to approve or refuse their release, except when release is required by law or third party payment contract.

Information

- Patients are provided, to the degree known, complete information concerning their diagnosis, evaluation, treatment and prognosis before the treatment or procedure is performed in terms the patient can understand. When it is medically inadvisable to give such information to a patient, the information is provided to a person designated by the patient or to a legally authorized person.
- Patient conduct and responsibilities and participation.
- Disclose physician financial interests or ownership in the Center.
- Services available at the organization.
- Provisions for after-hours and emergency care.
- Fees for services, eligibility for third party reimbursement and, when applicable, the availability of free or reduced cost care and receive an itemized copy of his/her account statement, upon request.
- Payment policies.
- Advance directives, as required by NY State Public Health Law 2980-2994 or federal law and regulations and if requested, official State advance directive forms.
- Document in a prominent part of the patient's current medical record, whether or not the individual had executed an advance directive.
- The credentials of health care professionals.
- The patient will be informed of his/her rights prior to their procedure being performed both verbally and in a manner in which the patient or the patient's representative understands. The center must protect and promote the exercise of such rights.
- Marketing or advertising regarding the competence and capabilities of the organization is not misleading to patients.
- Patients are provided with appropriate information regarding the absence of malpractice insurance coverage.
- Representation of accreditation to the public must accurately reflect the AAAHC accredited entity.
- Access his/her medical record pursuant to the provisions of section 18 of the Public Health Law, and Subpart 50-3 of this Title.
- Receive from his/her physician information necessary to give informed consent prior to the start of any nonemergency procedure or treatment or both. An informed consent shall include, as a minimum, the provision of information concerning the specific procedure or treatment or both, the reasonably foreseeable risks involved, and alternatives for care or treatment, if any, as a reasonable medical practitioner under similar circumstances would disclose in a manner permitting the patient to make a knowledgeable decision.
- Patients are informed about procedures for expressing suggestions, complaints and grievances regarding treatment or care that is (or fails to be) furnished, including those required by state and federal regulations.

Patient Complaint/Grievance:

The patient and family are encourage to help the facility to improve its understanding of the patient's environment by providing feedback, suggestions, comments and or complaints regarding the service needs and expectations.

A complaint or grievance should be registered by contacting the center administrator and/or patient advocate through the State Department of Health or Medicare. The center is responsible for providing the patient or his/her designee with a written response within 30 days if requested by the patient indicating the findings of the investigation. The center is also responsible for notifying the patient or his/her designee that if the patient is not satisfied by the center response, the patient may complain to the New York State Department of Health's Office of Health systems management.

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Uniondale, NY 11553
(516) 794-1868

Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman
1-800-MEDICARE
1-800-633-4227
<http://www.medicare.gov/claims-and-appeals/medicare-rights/get-help/ombudsman.html>

New York Department of Health's Office of Health Systems Management
80 Church St. 15th floor
New York, New York Ph 212-417-5927

- Patient's right to refuse to participate in experimental research or refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law and to be fully informed of the medical consequences of his/her actions.
- The patient has the right to actively participate in decisions about his/her care.
- Make known your wishes in regard to anatomical gifts. You may document your wishes in your health care proxy or on a donor card, available from the center.
- Patients are informed of their right to change their provider if other qualified providers are available.
- Patients are given the opportunity to participate in decisions involving their care, except when such participation is contraindicated for medical reasons.

The patient has the responsibility to do the following:

- *Follow the treatment plan prescribed by his/her provider and participate in his/her care*
- *The patient is encouraged to ask any and all questions of the physician and staff in order that he/she may have a full knowledge of the procedure and aftercare.*
- *Provide complete and accurate information to the best of his/her ability about his/her health, any medications, including over-the-counter products and dietary supplements and any allergies or sensitivities.*
- *Provide a responsible adult to transport him/her home from the facility and remain with him/her for 24 hours, if required by his/her provider.*
- *Inform his/her provider about any living will, medical power of attorney, or other directive that could affect his/her care.*
- *Accept personal financial responsibility for any charges not covered by his/her insurance.*
- *Be respectful of all the health care providers and staff, as well as the other patients.*

These rights and responsibilities are prominently displayed in the waiting area of the Center, and are also available, upon request, in an informational brochure.

Advance Directives

In accordance with NY State Public Health Law 2980-2994, we must inform you of the center policy on Advance Directives. Advance directives include but are not limited to a **health care proxy**, consent to a **do-not-resuscitate (DNR) order** recorded in your medical record and a **living will**.

Due to the fact that the Long Island Center for Digestive Health is an Ambulatory Surgery Center for the purpose of performing elective Endoscopy in a safe and uncomplicated manner, patients are expected to have an excellent outcome. If a patient should have a complication, the center staff will always attempt to resuscitate the patient and transfer that patient to a hospital in the event of deterioration.

If a patient should provide his/her Directive, a copy will be placed on the patient's medical record and transferred with the patient should a hospital transfer be ordered by his/her physician.

In order to assure that the community is served by this center, information concerning advance directives/Healthcare proxy and DNR orders is available at the center and:

Information on Advance Directives

Help Line: 800.658.8898 Multilingual Line: 877.658.8896
Email: carinfo@nhpco.org Website: www.carinfo.org

Physician Participation

This is to inform you that your physician may have ownership in this center:

Dr. Bartolomeo Dr. Gould Dr. Schwartz Dr. Stein Dr. Rosenberg Dr. Mirsky Dr. Sullivan Dr. Ross