

Patient Responsibilities

You have responsibilities as a patient.

You are responsible for providing as much information as possible about your health, medical history, and insurance benefits.

You are responsible for asking the care provider for clarification when you do not understand medical words or instructions about your plan of care.

You are responsible for following your plan of care. If you are unable/unwilling to follow the plan of care, you are responsible for telling your care provider. Your care provider will explain the medical consequences of not following the recommended treatment. You are responsible for the outcomes of not following your care plan.

You are responsible for following the facilities rules and regulations.

You are responsible for acting in a manner that is respectful of other patients, staff, and facility property.

You are responsible for meeting your financial obligation to the facility.

**Interpreter - UP Health System
can provide an interpreter at
no cost. Call 906.486.4431**

A hospital serves many purposes. Hospitals work to improve people's health; treat people with injury and disease; educate doctors, health professionals, patients, and community members; and improve understanding of health and disease. In carrying out these activities, this institution works to respect your values and dignity.

Advance Medical Directives

It is the policy of UP Health System Bell to inform patients of their right to have an ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE if they so desire.

An advance medical directive allows you to make decisions about your future medical care. It allows you to appoint and designate someone to make sure your wishes are followed if you become unable to do so.

It is the right of all patients with an advance medical directive to have their decisions followed. In the event your physician would not agree to follow your decisions the hospital will ensure that another physician will assume responsibility for your care.

If you have already completed an advance medical directive, it is your responsibility to tell the staff and to provide the hospital with a copy for your medical chart. If you do not have an advance medical directive and would like more information, ask the staff. We will be happy to provide you with the necessary information.

**Any questions
regarding your rights
and responsibilities
can be referred to the
Patient Advocate
by calling 906.485.2674.**

Patient Rights & Responsibilities

Effective health care requires patients, physicians and health care professionals to work together as a team. Open and honest communication, respect for personal and professional values, and sensitivity to differences are important in providing the best possible patient care.

UP Health System is committed to understanding and respecting the rights and responsibilities of patients, their families, physicians, and other caregivers. The health system respects the role of patients in decision making about treatment choices and other aspects of their care.

UP Health System is sensitive to cultural, racial, linguistic, religious, age, gender, and other differences as well as the needs of persons with disabilities. UP Health System treats all patients regardless of their source of payment.

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