



Your Rights as a Patient

You have important rights as a patient! As a patient, you have rights regarding your treatment and care. Knowing your rights can make you feel more knowledgeable and better able to make good decisions about your health and treatment.

In the United States, the Affordable Care Act clearly defines some of these rights. Other countries have similar rights as well:

- You have the right to be informed about the care that you will receive. Feel free to ask all the questions you need to about your treatment.
- You have the right to know what is being written about you by providers and what is being included in your medical record.
- You have the right to make decisions about your care, including refusing treatment.
- You have the right to obtain health information in your own language.
- You have the right to obtain care regardless of your pre-existing conditions.
- You have the right to know when something goes wrong with your care or when there has been a medical error.
- You have the right to request your doctor keep your health information private.