

Patients' Bill of Rights for Diagnostic & Treatment Centers (Clinics)

As a patient in a Clinic in New York State, you have the right, consistent with law, to:

- (1) Receive service(s) without regard to age, race, color, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, sex, gender identity, national origin or sponsor;
- (2) Be treated with consideration, respect and dignity including privacy in treatment;
- (3) Be informed of the services available at the center;
- (4) Be informed of the provisions for off-hour emergency coverage;
- (5) Be informed of and receive an estimate of the charges for services, view a list of the health plans and the hospitals that the center participates with; eligibility for third-party reimbursements and, when applicable, the availability of free or reduced cost care;
- (6) Receive an itemized copy of his/her account statement, upon request;
- (7) Obtain from his/her health care practitioner, or the health care practitioner's delegate, complete and current information concerning his/her diagnosis, treatment and prognosis in terms the patient can be reasonably expected to understand;
- (8) 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;
- (9) Refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law and to be fully informed of the medical consequences of his/her action;
- (10) Refuse to participate in experimental research;
- (11) Voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to the center's staff, the operator and the New York State Department of Health without fear of reprisal;
- (12) Express complaints about the care and services provided and to have the center investigate such complaints. 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;
- (13) Privacy and confidentiality of all information and records pertaining to the patient's treatment;
- (14) Approve or refuse the release or disclosure of the contents of his/her medical record to any health-care practitioner and/or health-care facility except as required by law or third-party payment contract;
- (15) Access to his/her medical record per Section 18 of the Public Health Law, and Subpart 50-3. For additional information link to: http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/1449/section_1.htm#access;
- (16) Authorize those family members and other adults who will be given priority to visit consistent with your ability to receive visitors;
- (17) When applicable, make known your wishes in regard to anatomical gifts. Persons sixteen years of age or older may document their consent to donate their organs, eyes and/or tissues, upon their death, by enrolling in the NYS Donate Life Registry or by documenting their authorization for organ and/or tissue donation in writing in a number of ways (such as health care proxy, will, donor card, or other signed paper). The health care proxy is available from the center;
- (18) View a list of the health plans and the hospitals that the center participates with; and
- (19) Receive an estimate of the amount that you will be billed after services are rendered.



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Weill Cornell Imaging

 

Patient's Bill of Rights

As a patient of Weill Cornell Imaging at NewYork-Presbyterian you have the right, consistent with law, to:

1. Understand and use these rights. If for any reason you do not understand or you need help, the facility **MUST** provide assistance, including an interpreter.
2. Receive treatment without discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, source of payment, or age.
3. Receive considerate and respectful care in a clean and safe environment free of unnecessary restraints.
4. Receive emergency care if you need it.
5. Be informed of the name and position of the doctor who will be in charge of your care in the facility.
6. Know the names, positions and functions of any staff involved in your care and refuse their treatment, examination or observation.
7. Receive all the information that you need to give informed consent for any proposed procedure or treatment. This information shall include the possible risks and benefits of the procedure or treatment.
8. Receive all the information you need to give informed consent for an order not to resuscitate. You also have the right to designate an individual to give this consent for you if you are too ill to do so. If you would like additional information, please ask for a copy of the pamphlet "Deciding About Health Care — A Guide for Patients and Families."
9. Refuse treatment and be told what effect this may have on your health.
10. Refuse to take part in research. In deciding whether or not to participate, you have the right to a full explanation.
11. Privacy while in the facility and confidentiality of all information and records regarding your care.
12. Review your medical record without charge. Obtain a copy of your medical record for which the facility can charge a reasonable fee. You cannot be denied a copy solely because you cannot afford to pay.
13. Receive an itemized bill and explanation of all charges.
14. Complain without fear of reprisals about the care and services you are receiving and to have the facility respond to you and if you request it, a written response. If you are not satisfied with the facility's response, you can complain to the New York State Health Department at 1-800-804-5447, or Patient Services at 212-746-4293, M-F 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.
15. 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 Weill Cornell Imaging at NewYork-Presbyterian.