

Parents' Declaration of Rights

As a parent, legal guardian or person with the authority to make decisions for a pediatric patient receiving care at this hospital, you are entitled to the following:

- 1) Inform the hospital of the name of your child's primary care physician, if known, and have this information in your child's medical record.
- 2) Be assured that our hospital will only admit pediatric patients to the extent that it has the capacity to provide the qualified staff, the space and the adequate-size equipment needed to attend the unique needs of pediatric patients.
- 3) Authorize that at least one of the parents or legal guardians remains with the child at all times, as much as possible, according to the health and safety needs of your child.
- 4) Request that a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner who is familiar with your child's illness review all the results of the tests performed during admission or consultation in an emergency room.
- 5) Request that your child not be discharged from our hospital or emergency room until a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner reviews all the tests that are reasonably expected to yield critical value results and that these results should be communicated to you, other people in charge of making decisions, and your child, if appropriate. The results of critical values are those that indicate a life-threatening illness or other serious illness that requires immediate medical attention.
- 6) Request that your child not be discharged from our hospital or emergency room until you or your child, if appropriate, receives a written discharge plan, which should also be communicated verbally to you, your child or other people in charge of making medical decisions. The written discharge plan will specifically include all critical laboratory results or other diagnostic tests ordered during your child's stay, as well as all other tests that have not yet been completed.
- 7) Receive critical value results and your child's discharge plan in a manner that reasonably ensures that you, your child (if applicable), or other people in charge of making medical decision will understand the medical information provided to make adequate medical decisions.
- 8) Ask that all lab results of this hospitalization or emergency room visit be given to your child's primary care physician, if known.
- 9) Request information about the diagnoses or possible diagnoses that were considered during this episode of care and the complications that could develop, as well as information about any communication with your child's primary care physician.
- 10) Obtain a phone number you can call after your child is discharged from the hospital or emergency department to get advice in the event of complications or ask questions that arise regarding your child's illness.

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