



St. Vincent Eye Surgery Medical Center

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- The care a patient receives depends partially on the patient himself. Therefore, in addition to these rights, a patient has certain responsibilities as well. These responsibilities should be presented to the patient in the spirit of mutual trust and respect.
- The patient has the responsibility to provide accurate and complete information concerning his or her present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications (Including over the counter products and dietary supplements), allergies and sensitivities and other matters relating to his/her health.
- The patient is responsible for reporting perceived risks in their care and unexpected changes in their condition to their responsible practitioner.
- The patient and family are responsible for asking questions when they do not understand what they have been told about the patient's care or what they are expected to do.
- The patient is responsible for following the treatment plan established by his or her physician, including the instruction of nurses and other health professionals as they carry out the physician's orders.
- The patient is responsible for keeping appointments and for notifying the facility or physician when he or she is unable to do so.
- The patient is responsible for his or her actions should he or she refuse treatment or not follow his or her physician's orders.
- The patient is responsible for assuring that the financial obligations of his or her care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.
- The patient is responsible for following facility policies and procedures.
- The patient is responsible for being considerate of the rights of other patients and facility personnel.
- The patient is responsible for being respectful of his or her personal property and that of other person in the facility.
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 - The patient and/or family member/patient representative is responsible for disposition of the patient valuables.
 - Provide a responsible adult to transport him/her home from the facility and remain with him/her for a period of time designated by his/her physician unless exempted from that requirement by the attending physician.
 - In the case of pediatric patients, a parent or guardian is to remain in the facility for the duration of the patient's stay in the facility.
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 - The patient is responsible to inform the facility whether the patient has a living will, medical power of attorney or other directive that could affect his/her care.
 - The patient is responsible for being respectful of all of the health care providers and staff, as well as other patients.
 - Parents/family shall have the responsibility for:
 - Continuing their parenting role to the extent of their ability
 - Being available to participate in decision-making and providing staff with knowledge of parents/family whereabouts
 - The family consists of those individuals responsible for physical and emotional care of the child on a continuous basis, regardless of whether they are related.