

Patient Responsibilities

As a patient, you are responsible for:

- providing accurate and complete information about present physical complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications and other matters relating to your health;
- reporting unexpected changes in your condition to your doctors and nurses;
- reporting your pain and working with the staff to manage your pain;
- asking questions if you do not understand your treatment or what is expected of you;
- following the treatment plan recommended by the clinic staff and/or physicians;
- your actions if you refuse treatment or do not follow the healthcare provider's instructions;
- thoughtful consideration of your wishes about end-of-life care and for communicating those wishes through advance directives;
- providing accurate insurance and payment information to the clinic and physicians at the time of registration or service;
- complying with the clinic's rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct;
- ensuring that the financial obligations of your healthcare are fulfilled as promptly as possible;
- being considerate of the rights of other patients and clinic personnel and for assisting in the control of noise and the number of visitors;
- being respectful of the property of other people and the clinic;
- keeping appointments and, when unable to do so for any reason, notifying your healthcare provider or doctor's office;
- safeguarding your belongings (valuables should be sent home or kept with your caregiver during a procedure.

References:

Contact the Florida Department of Health
850-245-4444
health@flhealth.gov
Florida Department of Health
4052 Bald Cypress Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Spine Orthopedics and Rehabilitation
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308 South Harbor City Boulevard, Suite A
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Florida Statutes 381.026

SOAR Medical believes it's important for you to take an active part in your healthcare. That's why we've provided you with this list of Patient Rights and Responsibilities. By becoming familiar with these points, you can better participate in your care and act as a vital part of the healthcare team. If you have any questions or concerns about your rights and responsibilities, please call the number listed on the back.

Patient Rights

As a patient you have the right to:

- be treated with courtesy and respect for your cultural, psychosocial, spiritual and personal values, beliefs and preferences, as well as with appreciation of individual dignity and protection of privacy and informational confidentiality within the law;
- a prompt and reasonable response to questions and requests;
- have a family member or representative of your choice and your own physician notified promptly if your condition has changed or you get admitted to the hospital;
- know who is providing medical services and who is responsible for your care;
- know what patient support services are available, including access to a phone for private telephone conversations, interpreters, translators and resources for the disabled;
- impartial access to medical treatment or accommodation regardless of race, national origin, religion, physical handicaps or sources of payment;
- treatment for any emergency medical condition that will get worse from failure to provide treatment;
- know what rules and regulations apply to your conduct;
- be given information concerning the diagnosis, prognosis, planned course of treatment, benefits, risks and alternatives presented in a language and manner that you can understand;
- have your family involved in decision making with permission from you or your surrogate. Patient has the right to withdraw permission of said member (s); at any time.
- the presence of support individuals of your choice, unless the individuals' presence infringes on others'

rights or safety, or is medically or therapeutically contraindicated;

- appropriate assessment and management of your pain, and to be involved in decisions about managing pain;
- be free from restraints or seclusion unless necessary for your safety or to prevent injury to others.
- initiate or amend an advance healthcare directive;
- participate in decisions about your care at the end of life with competent attention to your physical, psychosocial, spiritual and cultural needs;
- refuse any treatment, except as otherwise provided by law;
- know if medical treatment is for a clinical trial and to give your informed consent or refusal to participate in experimental research;
- information about accessing protective services if you feel you are in physical danger, or have been abused, neglected or exploited by anyone, including family members, visitors, other patients, staff, students or volunteers. Contact the Administrator at SOAR Medical (321) 733-0064;
- receive, upon request, prior to treatment, a reasonable estimate of charges for medical care;
- receive, upon request, information and counseling on the availability of known financial resources for your care;
- know, upon request, in advance of treatment, whether the healthcare provider or facility accepts the Medicare assignment rate if you are eligible for Medicare;
- receive, upon request, a copy of a reasonably clear and understandable itemized bill and to have the charges explained;
- access to the Ethics Committee and the option to participate in the process to resolve ethical issues. Contact the Administrator at SOAR Medical (321) 733-0064;
- expect reasonable safety insofar as SOAR Medical's practices and environment permit;
- consult with a specialist, at your request and expense;
- receive a complete explanation about the need

for or alternative to a transfer of your care (transfer must be acceptable to the other facility);

- be informed by your healthcare provider of continuing healthcare requirements after your discharge;

Justified Clinical Restrictions

Means any clinically necessary or reasonable restriction or limitation imposed by the clinic on a patient's visitation rights which restrictions or limitations is necessary to provide safe care to patients. A Justified Clinical Restriction may include, but not limited to one or more of the following: A court order limiting or restraining contact; behavior presenting a direct risk or threat to the patient, clinic staff or others in the immediate environment; behavior disrupting to the functioning of the patient care; reasonable limitations on the number of visitors at any one time; patient's risk of infection by the visitors; and visitor's risk of infection by the patient; extraordinary protections because of a pandemic or infectious disease outbreak; patient's need for privacy or rest; the need for privacy or rest by another individual in the clinic undergoing a clinical intervention or procedure and the treating healthcare provider believes it is in the patient's best interest to limit visitation during the clinical intervention or procedure.

- Express a complaint or grievance regarding safety, quality of care or any violation of your rights as stated in Florida law, through the grievance procedure at this SOAR Medical facility, or to the appropriate state licensing agency, Florida Department of Health.

SOAR Medical is committed to addressing your concerns about patient care and safety, and requests that you contact the Administrator at SOAR Medical at (321) 733-0064; or call or write to:

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