



PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

As a patient in a hospital in New York State,
you have the responsibility to:

1. Provide, to the best of your knowledge, accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters relating to your health;
2. Report unexpected changes in your condition to the responsible person;
3. Report whether you clearly comprehend a contemplated course of action and what is expected of you;
4. Follow the treatment plan recommended by the practitioner responsible for your care. This may include following the instructions of nurses and allied health personnel as they carry out the coordinated plan of care, implement the responsible practitioner's orders and enforce the applicable hospital rules and regulations;
5. Keep appointments and, when you are unable to do so for any reason, notify the responsible practitioner or the hospital;
6. Be responsible for your actions if you refuse treatment or do not follow the practitioner's instructions;
7. Assure that the financial obligations of your health care are fulfilled as promptly as possible;
8. Follow hospital rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct, and;
9. Be considerate of the rights of other patients and hospital personnel and for assisting in the control of the noise, smoking, and the number of visitors. You are responsible for being respectful of the property of other persons and of the hospital.