

ESRD PATIENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

As a person with kidney failure, you have certain rights and responsibilities.

When you go to a treatment center, ask for a copy of your rights and responsibilities.

This will help you know what to expect from your health care team and what they can expect from you.

..... YOUR CENTER MAY HAVE A LIST LIKE THIS ONE.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Be told about my rights and responsibilities.
- Be treated with respect.
- Privacy. My medical records can't be shared with anyone, unless I say so.
- Meet with my whole health care team to plan my treatment.
- See the dietitian for help with food planning and the social worker for counseling.
- Be told about my health in a way that I understand.
- Be told about the treatment options open to me and help to choose my treatment method.
- Be told about any tests ordered for me and the test results.
- Be told about the services offered at the center.
- Be told about the process of dialysis and dialyzer re-use.

MY RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO:

- Treat other patients and staff as I would like to be treated, with respect.
- Pay my bills on time. If this is hard for me, I can ask about making a payment plan.
- Tell my health care team if I refuse any treatment or medicine that my doctor has ordered for me.
- Tell my health care team if I don't understand my medical condition or treatment plan.
- Be on time for my treatments or when I see my doctor.
- Tell the staff at the center if I know that I'm going to be late or miss a treatment or visit with my doctor.
- Tell my health care team if I have medical problems, am going to the dentist, am being treated by another doctor, or have recently been to the hospital.
- Follow the rules of the Center.



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