

End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Patient Rights and Responsibilities



As a person with kidney failure, you have certain rights and responsibilities. When you go to a treatment facility, ask for a copy of your rights and responsibilities.

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

Your facility 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 healthcare 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 facility.
- 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 healthcare team if I refuse any treatment or medicine that my doctor has ordered for me.
- Tell my healthcare 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 facility if I know that I'm going to be late or miss a treatment or visit with my doctor.
- Tell my healthcare 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 facility.



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