



SUMMARY OF THE FLORIDA PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Florida law requires that your health care provider or health care facility recognize your rights while you are receiving medical care and that you respect the health care provider's or health care facility's right to expect certain behavior on the part of patients. You may request a copy of the full text of this law from your health care provider or health care facility. A summary of your rights and responsibilities follows:

- A patient has the right to be treated with courtesy and respect, with appreciation of his or her individual dignity, and with protection of his or her need for privacy.
- A patient has the right to a prompt and reasonable response to questions and requests.
- A patient has the right to know who is providing medical services and who is responsible for his or her care.
- A patient has the right to know what patient support services are available, including whether an interpreter is available if he or she does not speak English.
- A patient has the right to know what rules and regulations apply to his or her conduct.
- A patient has the right to be given by the health care provider information concerning diagnosis, planned course of treatment, alternatives, risks and prognosis.
- A patient has the right to refuse any treatment, except as otherwise provided by law.
- A patient has the right to be given, upon request, full information and necessary counseling on the availability of known financial resources for his or her care.
- A patient who is eligible for Medicare has the right to know, upon request and in advance of treatment, whether the health care provider or health care facility accepts the Medicare assignment rate.
- A patient has the right to receive, upon request, prior to treatment, a reasonable estimate of charges for medical care.
- A patient has the right to receive a copy of a reasonably clear and understandable, itemized bill and, upon request, to have the charges explained.
- A patient has the right to impartial access to medical treatment or accommodations, regardless of race, national origin, religion, physical handicap, or source of payment.
- A patient has the right to treatment for any emergency medical condition that will deteriorate from failure to provide treatment.
- A patient has the right to know if medical treatment is for purposes of experimental research and to give his or her consent or refusal to participate in such experimental research.
- A patient has the right to express grievances regarding any violation of his or her rights, as stated in Florida law, through the grievance procedure of the health care provider or health care facility which served him or her and to the appropriate state licensing agency.
- A patient is responsible for providing to the health care provider, to the best of his or her knowledge, accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters relating to his or her health.
- A patient is responsible for reporting unexpected changes in his or her condition to the health care provider.
- A patient is responsible for reporting to the health care provider whether he or she comprehends a contemplated course of action and what is expected of him or her.
- A patient is responsible for following the treatment plan recommended by the health care provider.
- A patient is responsible for keeping appointments and, when he or she is unable to do so for any reason, for notifying the health care provider or health care facility.
- A patient is responsible for his or her actions if he or she refuses treatment or does not follow the health care provider's instructions.
- A patient is responsible for assuring that the financial obligations of his or her health care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.
- A patient is responsible for following health care facility rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct.

Patient Signature Date: _____



RETINA SPECIALISTS OF TAMPA NOTICE OF PATIENT PRIVACY PRACTICES

This notice describes how information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this info. Please review it carefully. This Notice is effective March 1, 2013 and applies to all protected health information as defined by federal and state regulations. (Rev. 3/2013):

UNDERSTANDING YOUR HEALTH RECORD/INFORMATION:

What is in your healthcare record and how your health information is used helps you to: ensure its accuracy, better understand who, what, when, where, and why others may access your health information, and for you to make better informed decisions when authorizing disclosure to others.

Each time you visit our office a record of your visit is made. This record contains your symptoms, examination and test results, diagnoses, treatment, and a plan for future care or treatment. This information, referred to as your health or medical record may be used by our practice as follows:

- A basis for planning your care and treatment
- A means of communication among health professionals who contribute to your care. We may need to transmit PHI over an unsecured medium, such as the internet, or text message when deemed necessary by the healthcare provider.
- A legal document describing the care we provided to you
- A record that you or a third-party payer can verify services billed were actually provided
- A tool in educating health professionals
- A source of data for medical research
- A source of information for public health officials charged with improving the health of this county, state and the nation
- A tool which we can assess and continually work to improve the care we render and the outcomes we achieve
- To provide you with information on additional treatment alternatives and other health related benefits
- We may use your information for appointment reminders as defined by the "Consent" page

YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION RIGHTS:

Although your health record is the physical property of this practice, the information belongs to you. You have the right to:

- Obtain a copy of this "Notice of Patient Information Privacy Practices"
- Inspect and/or receive a copy your health record electronically as provided for in 45 CFR 164.512 and 45 CFR 164.524 (HIPAA)
- Amend your health record as provided in 45 CFR 164.524 (HIPAA)
- Obtain an accounting of disclosures of your health information
- Request communications of your health information by alternative means or at alternative locations
- Request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures of your information to health plans, if you fully paid for these services out of pocket
- Revoke your authorization to use or disclose health information except to the extent that action has already been taken
- You have a right to opt out of communications for fund raising activities of this practice

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, WE ARE REQUIRED TO:

- Maintain the privacy of your health information as defined by federal/state laws
- Provide you with this notice as to our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to information we collect and maintain about you
- Notify you of a breach of your protected healthcare information
- Notify you if we are unable to agree to a requested restriction

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and to make the new provisions effective for all protected

health information we maintain. Should our information practices change, we will post the changes in our reception area. At your request, we will provide you a revised "Notice of Patient Privacy Practices".

TO REPORT A PROBLEM

If you have questions, would like additional information or wish to report a problem, please contact the practice's Privacy Officer.

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with the practice's Privacy Officer, or with the, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint.

TREATMENT, PAYMENT AND HEALTH OPERATIONS:

Treatment: Information obtained by a member of our healthcare team will be recorded in your record and will be used to determine the course of treatment we believe is best for you. We may also share with others involved with your treatment copies of your healthcare information to assist them in treating you.

PAYMENT: A bill may be sent to you or a third-party payer. The information on or accompanying the bill may include information that identifies you, as well as your diagnosis, procedures, and supplies used.

HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS: Members of the medical staff may use information in your health record to assess the care and outcomes in your case and others like it. This information maybe used in an effort to continually improve the quality and effectiveness of the healthcare and service we provide.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES: There are some services provided to our organization through contracts with business associates. When these services are contracted, we may

