

EXPLANATION OF VOLUNTARY ADMISSION RIGHTS

**For adult patients, patients 14 years of age or over but less than 18 years of age,
and for the parents or guardians of children under 14 years of age.**

Before your or your child's voluntary admission to this hospital, you or your child have the right to:

1. An explanation of the type of treatment which may be involved.
2. An explanation of any restraints or restrictions which may be used.

Upon your or your child's admission, you or your child will have the following rights:

1. Within 72 hours after admission, an plan of treatment will be developed. You may participate in the development of this plan.
2. You may withdraw or you may withdraw your child from treatment at any time by giving written notice in advance to the Director of the facility; however,
3. You may be asked to agree to remain or allow your child to remain in the facility for a specified period of time up to 72 hours after you request discharge. If, when you request discharge, you are asked to remain or allow your child to remain for this period of time, someone will immediately explain why to you. The facility may institute involuntary commitment proceedings during this period.
4. You or your child may not be transferred from this facility to another facility without your consent.

In addition to the above rights, the Bill of Rights attached applies to you and your child upon admission. You will receive a longer, more detailed version of these rights within 72 hours of admission.

If you do not understand any of these rights, _____ would be pleased to discuss them with you.
(NAME OF MENTAL HEALTH WORKER)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

If you are 14 years of age or over but less than 18 years of age: Treatment does not require your parents' consent; however, according to the Mental Health Procedures Act of 1976, the Director of this facility is required to inform your parent or guardian of your admission. Your parent or guardian has the right to object to your treatment and may ask the court for a hearing on their objections.

If you are under 14 years of age: If any responsible person believes that treatment in this facility is not in your best interest, that person may ask the court for a hearing on their objections.