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Policies and Procedures

THE MENNINGER CLINIC
Administrative & Clinical Services

Policy MC-283 Patient Responsibilities

Effective Date: November 2014

Purpose:

To define the responsibilities of patients admitted to The Menninger Clinic

Policy:

Every patient at The Menninger Clinic retains all rights, benefits, responsibilities, and privileges guaranteed by the constitution and laws of The United States of America and The State of Texas unless otherwise adjudged. Patient responsibilities include those actions on the part of patients that are needed so that healthcare providers can provide appropriate care, make accurate and responsible care decisions, address patients' needs, and maintain a sound and viable health care facility. A listing of Patient Responsibilities will be reviewed with all patients upon admission and included in patient handbooks.

Faculty and Staff Responsibilities:

Faculty and Staff are responsible for supporting the patients' rights as well as encouraging patients to fulfill their responsibilities through the following:

- Patient educational groups
- Individual interactions
- Role modeling

Patient Responsibilities:

Each patient is responsible for:

- Providing (to the best of his/her ability) accurate and complete information regarding hospitalizations, all medications (including herbal and over-the-counter), and other matters relating to his/her health
- Following the treatment plan recommended by the treatment team
- Keeping appointed treatment schedules
- Providing information about his/her advanced directive(s)
- Treating those providing care with dignity and respect
- Informing nursing and medical staff about his/her comfort level and need for pain relief measures
- Knowing and following hospital rules and regulations affecting patient care and patient conduct and following all laws of The State of Texas
- Not bringing weapons, alcohol, drugs, or unauthorized medications into the hospital

- Never threatening or hurting another patient, family member, faculty, or staff
- Refraining from interpersonal or inappropriate sexual activity of any nature while in the hospital
- Being respectful of the property of others and hospital property
- Talking with his/her primary nurse, treatment team, staff member, or patient advocate if he/she is dissatisfied with care and/or service
- Meeting financial commitments
- Remaining considerate of the rights of other patients and hospital faculty and staff
- Accepting responsibility for his/her actions should he/she refuse treatment or choose not to follow prescribed treatment planning