

Patient Rights and Responsibilities



It is important that you are aware of your rights and responsibilities as a patient.

A copy of your Rights and Responsibilities would have been sent to you prior to admission, or given to you on admission. Please refer below for further information in relation to rights and responsibilities.

You have the right to

- Choose your doctor and hospital if you are being treated as a private patient, depending on the circumstances
- Receive an explanation of any treatment and associated risks before agreeing to the treatment
- Request another medical opinion if you wish
- Receive advice from your health fund, doctors and hospital about likely costs including the possible costs of prostheses
- Discuss with your doctors the choice of prostheses, including the option of selecting a prosthesis with no out-of-pocket cost (a no gap prosthesis)
- Be treated with respect and dignity
- Receive care and support from nurses and allied health professionals

- Receive advice before you leave hospital about planning your continuing health care
- Make a compliment, suggestion, or complaint about your health care and treatment
- Obtain access to your medical records and expect confidentiality for your personal information

You have a responsibility to

- Request advice from your health fund, doctor(s) and hospital about likely costs
- Check with your health fund before receiving hospital treatment about your level of cover
- Provide all relevant information to your doctor and hospital to assist with your care and treatment (for example information about allergies or medication you are taking)
- Participate in decisions about your treatment and care
- Participate before you leave hospital in planning your continuing health care