



Dialysis Patient Rights



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As a dialysis patient, you have certain rights and protection under law. When you go to a treatment center, ask for a copy of your rights and responsibilities. This will help you know what to expect from your health care team and what they can expect from you. The following is a list of patient rights developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Your dialysis center will probably have a similar list.

Dialysis patients have the right to:

- Be treated with respect
- Privacy
- Meet with your whole health care team to plan your treatment
- See the dietitian for help with food planning and the social worker for counseling
- Be told about your health in a way that you can understand
- Be told about your treatment and to choose your options
- Be told about any tests ordered, and the results
- Be told about the services offered at the center
- Be told about the process of dialysis and dialyzer re-use
- Be told about any expenses that you have to pay for if they are not covered by insurance or Medicare
- Be told about any financial help available
- Accept or refuse any treatment or medicine your doctor orders for you
- Be told about the rules at the treatment center (for example, rules for visitors, eating, personal conduct, etc.)
- Choose if you want to be part of any research studies