



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL CENTER

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Patients shall be responsible for:

1. Cooperating with the treatment plan recommended by the physician responsible for his or her care, including instructions by nurses and allied health personnel as they facilitate the responsible physician's plan of care.
2. Accepting responsibility when refusing treatment or not following the physician's instruction.
3. Showing respect for other patients by appropriate use of telephone, television, and light; limiting of visitors; respecting visiting hours; following smoking regulations.
4. Being considerate of Medical Center facilities and equipment.
5. Being respectful to Medical Center employees and medical staff and avoiding the use of obscene language, threatening remarks, or other inappropriate or disruptive behavior.
6. Understanding illness and treatment; if not, questioning physician.
7. Notifying appropriate personnel if language barrier exists so services of an interpreter can be secured.
8. Providing accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters relating to medical problems.
9. Reporting unexpected changes in condition – if possible, to the responsible physician.
10. Informing appropriate personnel if he or she does not understand a contemplated course of action and what is expected.
11. Keeping appointments and notifying the appropriate personnel when unable to do so.
12. Ensuring that the financial obligations for health care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.
13. Following Medical Center rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct.
14. Bringing only those personal articles which are necessary before being admitted to the unit.
15. Sending home all articles not absolutely necessary before being admitted to the unit.
16. Depositing valuables for retention in the Medical Center safe for security.
17. Accepting full responsibility for articles taken or worn to the unit and/or which may be brought in following admission; allowing them to be labeled when possible with patient's name and medical record number.
18. Providing clothing to be worn and transportation home upon discharge.
19. Understanding how to continue care after leaving the Medical Center including:
 - a. when and where to get treatment
 - b. what needs to be done at home to help with the treatment.