

Patient Rights & Responsibilities

The Center presents a Patient's Bill of Rights with the expectation that observance of these rights will contribute to more effective patient care and greater satisfaction for the patient, his/her physician, and the organization.

At Glastonbury Surgery Center, you have the right to:

- Considerate and respectful care in a safe, comfortable environment.
- Personal privacy and confidentiality.
- Be free from all forms of abuse or harassment.
- Know the names of health care providers and their role in your care.
- Treatment by compassionate, skilled, qualified health professionals.
- Be informed about and participate in your care and treatment plans.
- Make informed decisions.
- Timely information regarding facility policy that may limit its ability to implement a legally valid advance directive.
- Refuse treatment as allowed by laws.
- Evaluation, service and/or referral as indicated by the urgency of the case.
- To be transferred to another facility when medically necessary with explanation concerning this need, its risks and alternatives, as well as acceptance by the institution of transfer in advance of such transfer.
- The right to consent or decline to participate in proposed research studies or human experimentation affecting care or treatment.
- Review and obtain copies of your medical records.
- Receive treatment in an environment that is sensitive to your beliefs, values and culture.
- Be informed about the care you will need after discharge.
- The right to know your physician may have ownership in the center.
- The right to file a verbal and/or written grievance as outlined in the Grievance Policy.

At Glastonbury Surgery Center, these are your responsibilities as a patient:

- Give us complete information about your medical history, including any medications you may be taking.
- Tell us what you need. If you do not understand your care plan, ask questions.
- Be part of your care.
- To follow up on your doctor's instruction, take medication when prescribed, to make follow-up appointments as directed, and ask questions concerning your own health care as necessary.
- To fully participate in decisions involving your own health care and to accept the consequences of these decisions if complications occur.
- If you are not satisfied with your care, please tell us how we can improve.
- Be considerate of the rights of other patients, families, and facility personnel.
- Give us any insurance information we need to help get your bill paid and fulfill financial obligations to the Center.

DISCRIMINATION – POLICY

Glastonbury Surgery Center complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Glastonbury Surgery Center does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Glastonbury Surgery Center:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
 - Qualified sign language interpreters
 - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Alba Vazquez, Business Office Manager or Cheryl Parent, Administrator at 860.633.0003.

ATTENTION: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-860-633-0003.

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al Call 1-860-633-0003.

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para Call 1-860-633-0003.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE – POLICY

The facility utilizes methods for patient/visitor grievances, input, and suggestions to the organization. Patients, patient's family and visitors to Glastonbury Surgery Center may file a verbal complaint with a supervisor on duty or they may file a formal written complaint with suggestions to Administration.

- Complaints are reviewed as they are received and again at the Quality Improvement Committee meetings.
- Complaints will be used to improve service and patient care and will be used in the Quality Improvement process.
- Follow up with persons initiating concerns/ complaints is carried out in a timely manner.
- The patient, patient's family, and visitors to Glastonbury Surgery Center may contact the following agency if not satisfied with the outcome of their complaint:

Facility Administrator or
Clinical Director 860.633.0003

AAAH 847.853.6060

CT Dept of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
1.800.509.7400
TTY: 860.509.7191

Medicare Ombudsman
1.800.633.42273
<https://www.medicare.gov/claims-and-appeals/index.html>

ADVANCED MEDICAL DIRECTIVES – POLICY

Glastonbury Surgery Center will always attempt to resuscitate a patient and transfer that patient to a hospital in the event their condition deteriorates. The center will make every reasonable attempt to obtain and file in the patient's medical record copies of the following existing documents: Appointment of a Health Care Representative, Living Will and Health Care Instructions, Documentation of Anatomical Gift or a Conservator of the Person for My Future Incapacity.

- The Glastonbury Surgery Center acknowledges the four types of Advance Directives and the policy regarding each is as follows:
 - 1. Living Will and Health Care Instructions:** the center will always attempt to resuscitate a patient and transfer that patient to the hospital in the event their condition deteriorates.
 - 2. Health Care Representative:** the center will honor this document as long as a copy of the document has been provided to the center.
 - 3. Documentation of Anatomical Gift:** the center will always attempt to resuscitate a patient and transfer that patient to the hospital in the event their condition deteriorates.
 - 4. Designation of a Conservator of the Person for My Future Incapacity:** the center will honor this document as long as a copy of the document has been provided to the center.
- If an emergency transfer did occur, all chart information would be copied and sent with the patient to the hospital, including the patient's information regarding Advance Directives.