PATIENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

You have the right to...

- Be free from discrimination based on age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture, language, physical or mental disability, socio or economic status, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.
- Be informed about the care you will receive.
- Get information about your care in your language or in a manner that meets your needs if you have vision, speech, hearing, or mental impairment.
- Make decisions about your care, including the right to refuse.
- Know the names of the caregivers who treat you.
- To safe care.
- Be free from unnecessary restraints and seclusion.
- Have your pain addressed.
- Know when something goes wrong with your care.
- An up-to-date list of your current medications.
- Be listened to and have a family member or support person of your choice during your stay.
- Be treated with dignity and respect.
- Have your privacy and confidentiality safeguarded.

You should...

- Be active in your health care.
- Ask questions.
- Pay attention, participate, and follow the instructions given to you by your caregivers.
- Share with your caregivers as much information as possible about your health, medications, and allergies.
- Meet financial commitments.
- Treat staff with courtesy and respect.

Mid Coast Hospital has Patient Advocates available to help support you by...

- Guiding you through the hospital care system.
- Providing information on Advance Directives.
- Acting as a support between you and your health care team.
- Providing information for financial aid.

For more information about your rights or to request a patient advocate, please contact **Mid Coast Hospital Case Management** at **373-6380**.

HOW TO EXPRESS A CONCERN

If you wish to express a concern or have a complaint about your care, please contact our **Senior Director of Quality & Patient Safety** at **373-6377**.

You also have the right to lodge a grievance or complaint about the care you received by contacting any of the following organizations: *Please note these agencies do not address concerns about your hospital bill.

Maine Department of Human Services Division of Licensing and Certification

State House Station 11 Augusta, Maine 04333-0011 (800) 791-4080 / TTY: Maine Relay 7-1-1

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The Joint Commission Office of Quality Monitoring

One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 complaint@jointcommission.org (800) 994-6610 FAX:(630) 792-5636

Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) KEPRO (888) 319-8452

