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Your personal life and relationships affect your health more than you realize, so your doctor and other providers need to know your story.

We should **all** feel safe talking about our sexual partners, sex lives, sexual orientation, HIV status, and gender identity.

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- Learn how to file a complaint if you've faced discrimination.
- See how you can find a medical provider who will respect your rights and identity.
- Read how you can plan for your future care with a healthcare power of attorney.



## **RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH EQUALITY AND RESPECT**

- You deserve to be treated with respect and made to feel welcome no matter who you are.
- You have a right to not be denied service or given inferior service.

## **RIGHT TO AFFIRMATION OF YOUR TRUE GENDER IDENTITY**

- You deserve to be called by your chosen name and gender pronoun and to include these preferences in your advance directive (see below).
- You deserve to be able to use the gender-based facilities of your choice.

## **RIGHT TO HELP DESIGNATING WHO WILL MAKE DECISIONS FOR YOU**

- As soon as you are admitted, you have a right to be told how to create an advanced directive – and you have the right to pick whoever you want to be your decision-maker.
- An “advance directive” says who gets to make medical decisions for you if you can no longer make them yourself (AKA a “healthcare power of attorney”) and what kind of care you would want to receive (AKA a “living will”).

## **RIGHT TO VISITATION BY ANYONE YOU CHOOSE**

- You have the right to be visited by anyone you choose (regardless of your legal or biological relationship) at any reasonable time.
- If denied a visitor, you can ask the facility to show you the rule that prohibits that visitor.

## **RIGHT TO YOUR PRIVACY**

- You have a right to the privacy of your medical records and care under a law known as HIPAA – the Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.
- Your doctors and nurses can only share your medical information if it is necessary to provide you with care, or if you give them permission to share it with others.

## **RIGHT TO PROTECTIONS IF YOU ARE DISCHARGED DUE TO DISCRIMINATION**

- You have a right to protest being discharged or transferred from a hospital, rehabilitation facility, assisted living facility, or nursing home.
- You have the right to get information on how you can appeal the decision, and to have time to figure out where you will go when you are discharged.

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