

Surgical Care Affiliates

Patient Rights and Responsibilities

SCA observes and respects a patient's rights and responsibilities without regard to age, race, color, sex, national origin, religion, culture, physical or mental disability, personal values or belief systems.

You have the right to:

- Considerate, respectful and dignified care and respect for personal values, beliefs and preferences.
- Access to treatment without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, color, creed/religion, sex, age, mental disability, or physical disability. Any treatment determinations based on a person's physical status or diagnosis will be made on the basis of medical evidence and treatment capability.
- Respect of personal privacy.
- Receive care in a safe and secure environment.
- Exercise your rights without being subjected to discrimination or reprisal.
- Know the identity of persons providing care, treatment or services and, upon request, be informed of the credentials of healthcare providers and, if applicable, the lack of malpractice coverage.
- Expect the center to disclose, when applicable, physician financial interests or ownership in the center.
- Receive assistance when requesting a change in primary or specialty physicians or dentists if other qualified physicians or dentists are available.
- Receive information about health status, diagnosis, the expected prognosis and expected outcomes of care, in terms that can be understood, before a treatment or a procedure is performed.
- Receive information about unanticipated outcomes of care.
- Receive information from the physician about any proposed treatment or procedure as needed in order to give or withhold informed consent.
- Participate in decisions about the care, treatment or services planned and to refuse care, treatment or services, in accordance with law and regulation.
- Be informed, or when appropriate, your representative be informed (as allowed under state law) of your rights in advance of furnishing or discontinuing patient care whenever possible.
- Receive information in a manner tailored to your level of understanding, including provision of interpretative assistance or assistive devices.
- Have family be involved in care, treatment, or services decisions to the extent permitted by you or your surrogate decision maker, in accordance with laws and regulations.
- Appropriate assessment and management of pain, information about pain, pain relief measures and participation in pain management decisions.
- Give or withhold informed consent to produce or use recordings, film, or other images for purposes other than care, and to request cessation of production of the recordings, films or other images at any time.
- Be informed of and permit or refuse any human experimentation or other research/educational projects affecting care or treatment.
- Confidentiality of all information pertaining to care and stay in the center, including medical records and, except as required by law, the right to approve or refuse the release of your medical records.
- Access to and/or copies of your medical records within a reasonable time frame and the ability to request amendments to your medical records.
- Obtain information on disclosures of health information within a reasonable time frame.
- Have an advance directive, such as a living will or durable power of attorney for healthcare, and be informed as to the center's policy regarding advance directives/living will. Expect the center to provide the state's official advance directive form if requested and where applicable.
- Obtain information concerning fees for services rendered and the center's payment policies.

- Be free from restraints of any form that are not medically necessary or are used as a means of coercion, discipline, convenience or retaliation by staff.
- Expect the center to establish a process for prompt resolution of patients' grievances and to inform each patient whom to contact to file a grievance. Grievances/complaints and suggestions regarding treatment or care that is (or fails to be) furnished may be expressed at any time. Grievances may be lodged with the state agency directly using the contact information provided below.

You are responsible for:

- Being considerate of other patients and personnel and for assisting in the control of noise, smoking and other distractions.
- Respecting the property of others and the center.
- Identifying any patient safety concerns.
- Observing prescribed rules of the center during your stay and treatment.
- Providing a responsible adult to transport you home from the center and remain with you for 24 hours if required by your provider.
- Reporting whether you clearly understand the planned course of treatment and what is expected of you and asking questions when you do not understand your care, treatment, or service or what you are expected to do.
- Keeping appointments and, when unable to do so for any reason, notifying the center and physician.
- Providing caregivers with the most accurate and complete information regarding present complaints, past illnesses and hospitalizations, medications, unexpected changes in your condition or any other patient health matters.
- Promptly fulfilling your financial obligations to the center, including charges not covered by insurance.
- Payment to center for copies of the medical records you may request.
- Informing your providers about any living will, medical power of attorney, or other advance directive that could affect your care.

You may contact the following entities to express any concerns, complaints or grievances you may have:

CENTER	BETH DAVIS, ADMINISTRATOR (407) 647-5100
STATE AGENCY	ATTN: LUCY GEE, DIVISION DIRECTOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CONSUMER SERVICES UNIT 4052 BALD CYPRESS WAY, BIN C75 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399 (888) 419-3456
MEDICARE	OFFICE OF THE MEDICARE BENEFICIARY OMBUDSMAN: www.cms.hhs.gov/center/ombudsman.asp

To care for our patients, serve our physicians, and improve healthcare in America

PHYSICIANS SURGICAL CARE CENTER

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Dear Patient:

Welcome to Physicians Surgical Care Center. We are pleased that you have placed your trust in us to provide your healthcare services.

Physicians Surgical Care Center was designed to provide patients with a more efficient and less stressful environment. Our pleasant atmosphere and highly trained and helpful staff can minimize the anxiety that often comes with having surgery.

In the days before your procedure, you will be contacted by a representative from our Business Office to discuss your insurance coverage, and financial responsibilities to PSCC. This conversation will cover co-pays, deductibles, and co-insurance. Please do not hesitate to ask for clarification on any of these matters during this telephone call.

You may receive a call from our nursing department a few days before your scheduled procedure to discuss your health history, pre-operative preparation and answer any questions you may have regarding your procedure. It is important that a responsible adult drive you, stay with you and drive you home from the facility after your procedure. In view of the fact that you will be sedated or receive anesthesia during your visit, we cannot allow you to drive yourself home. You should also plan to have someone with you for 24 hours after your procedure. Unfortunately, we cannot make any exceptions to this requirement.

When you come to our center, we do ask that you bring your **Government issued I.D. and insurance card(s)** with you as well as your advance payment for co-pays or deductibles based on your conversation with our financial counselor. We ask that you do not bring jewelry or other valuables to the center.

In closing, we appreciate the trust you have placed in the team at Physicians Surgical Care Center. We will make every attempt to honor that trust by providing the high quality medical care you expect and deserve. We want your visit to be as pleasant as possible under the circumstances and welcome any comments and suggestions you may have.

If you have any further questions, please call us at 407-647-5100. One of our highly qualified team members will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Physicians Surgical Care Center Teammates