

# Philosophy of Care

## Declaration of Patient Values

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As a patient or client, what I value is...

### Being an active, informed participant in my care

- having my opinions heard and respected
- receiving information, in terms and language I can understand, so that

I may make informed decisions, in conjunction with my family and health care team

### Being treated with dignity and respect

- treating me with kindness, compassion and an understanding of my individual needs, regardless of my age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability

### Knowing I am listened to and have a voice

- being able to express my appreciation, or concerns about my health care experience, knowing that my providers are actively listening and responsive to my feedback

### Receiving the highest quality care

- having timely and convenient access to the best quality services, delivered in a safe and well-coordinated manner, throughout all stages of my care

As a patient or client, I understand that...

### I share the responsibility for my care and well-being

- By providing accurate information, including changes in my medical condition and taking a pro-active role in the healing process
- By being respectful of the rights, privacy, property and cultural diversity of all, including members of my healthcare team, as well as patients and their families

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