

WEISMAN CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION HOSPITAL (WCRH)

ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF PATIENT RIGHTS

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PURPOSE:

To ensure that patients who are declared incompetent, or are medically incapable of understanding their rights, are informed of patient rights and responsibilities.

POLICY:

Should a patient be declared incompetent or medically incapable of understanding his/her rights, the patient's representative shall be advised of the patient's rights and responsibilities.

PROCEDURE:

1. Should the patient be declared incompetent, in accordance with this state's law, or should the patient's attending physician declare the patient medically incapable of understanding his/her rights, the patient's representative, or other designated family member will be advised of the patient's rights and responsibilities.
2. Documentation from the court and/or the attending physician that declares the patient incompetent must be presented to the facility prior to or upon the patient's admission. Such documentation must be signed and dated by the court official having jurisdiction over such matters and/or the patient's attending physician, whichever applies.
3. A copy of the patient's power of attorney or advance directive for health care decision, if any, must be provided to the Medical Director and held in the Medical Record.
4. The patient's representative must acknowledge, in writing, that an oral explanation of the patient's rights and responsibilities has been made and that he/she also received a written copy of such material.
5. A copy of the signed acknowledgment must be filed in the patient's medical record.
6. Assignment of rights may be revoked if the patient later becomes able to make his/her own decisions.

Administrator

