

NOTICE OF PATIENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

PATIENT RIGHTS

Decision Making

You or your representative have the right to:

- Be informed before care is given or discontinued whenever possible.
- Receive accurate and current information regarding your health status in terms you can understand.
- Participate in planning for your treatment, care and discharge recommendations.
- Receive an explanation of proposed procedures or treatments, including risks, serious side effects and treatment alternatives, including request for second opinion.
- Participate in managing your pain effectively.
- Receive emergency care or transfer to a higher level of care (hospital), if necessary, with a full explanation of your medical need for transfer. No wait for insurance authorization will be required and no financial penalty will be imposed.
- Have persons of your choice promptly notified of hospital admission.
- Accept, refuse or discontinue a treatment or drug, to the extent permitted by law, and be informed of the consequences of such refusal.
- Accept, refuse or withdraw from clinical research.
- Accept, refuse or withdraw from diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.
- Choose or change your healthcare provider.

Equality of Care

You have the right to:

- Respectful treatment, which recognizes and maintains your dignity and personal values without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.
- Accurate information about the facility where services are received and the name, credentials and job function of health care personnel involved in your care.
- Interpreters and/or special equipment to assist with language needs.
- Information on how to obtain auxiliary aids or services should these be required.
- Information about continuing healthcare requirements following discharge, including how to access care after hours.

Confidentiality and Privacy

You have the right to:

- Personal privacy and care in a safe setting free from abuse, harassment, discrimination or reprisal.
- Sharing of personal information only among those who are involved in your care.
- Confidentiality of your medical and billing records.
- Notification of privacy practices.
- Notification of breach of unsecured personal health information.

Grievance Process

You, or your representative, have the right to:

- Fair and objective review of any complaint you have regarding care received from healthcare providers/personnel, without fear of reprisal.
- Submit a formal complaint either verbally or in writing as shown below. You will receive a written notice of decision within 15 business days from the date the complaint was made known to the Center.

Administrator of ASC serving as Compliance Officer: 970-541-2582

Colorado Department of Health: 303-692-2904 or email: hfdintake@cdphe.state.co.us

Department of Registry Agency: 303-894-7800 or <http://www.dora.state.co.us/medical/complaints.html>

CMS Ombudsman: 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or
<http://www.medicare.gov/claims-and-appeals/medicare-rights/get-help/ombudsman.html>

Office of Inspector General: 800-447-8477 or <https://www.oig.hhs.gov/hotlineoperations>, or US Department of Health & Human Services, Attn: OIG Hotline Operations, P.O.BOX 23489, Washington D.C. 20026

Office of Civil Rights: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/howto.html>

Advance Directives

You have the right to know that:

- You may provide a Living Will and/or Medical Power of Attorney.
- It is Skyline Endoscopy Center's policy, regardless of the contents of any advance directive or instructions from a healthcare surrogate, that if a life threatening condition should occur during your treatment at this facility, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you via ambulance to an acute care hospital for further evaluation.

Access to Medical Records

You have the right to:

- Speak privately with health care providers knowing that your health care information is secure.
- Review and/or receive a copy of your Medical Records (including electronic format), within 30 days by secure transmission, upon written request.

Seclusion and Restraints

You have the right to:

- Be free from seclusion or restraint for behavioral management unless medically necessary to protect your physical safety or the safety of others.

Billing

You have the right to:

- Information specific to fees for services and payment policies, prior to the date of service.
- Payment privacy when you choose to opt out of insurance coverage, in accordance with federal regulations.

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Providing Information

You have the responsibility to:

- Provide accurate and complete information about present problems, past illnesses, hospitalizations, current use of prescribed or OTC medications, current use of nutritional supplemental products, and other health-related matters.
- Report perceived risks in your care and unexpected changes in your condition.
- Provide an Advance Directive, if you have one.
- Provide accurate and updated demographic and contact information for insurance and billing.

Involvement

You have the responsibility to:

- Participate in your plan of care and follow the recommended treatment plan.
- Ensure you have a designated responsible adult to provide transportation and assist with your care for 4-6 hours after your procedure.

Respect and Consideration

You have the responsibility to:

- Act in a respectful and considerate manner toward healthcare providers, other patients, and visitors; physical or verbal threats or conduct, which are disruptive to business operations, will not be tolerated.
- Be respectful of the possessions or property of others, as well as the facility property.
- Assist in keeping noise levels and the number of visitors to a minimum.

Insurance Billing

You have the responsibility to:

- Know the extent of your insurance coverage.
- Know your insurance requirements including pre-authorization, deductibles and co-payments. Deductible amounts owed and copayments are expected at time of service.
- Call the billing office with questions or concerns regarding your bill.
- Fulfill your financial obligations as promptly as possible.

Drs. Langer, North, Sears, Strong and Caufield have a financial ownership in Skyline Endoscopy Center