

Informing Residents Of Health and Medical Condition

Objective:

1. Residents shall be informed of their total medical condition.

Procedure:

1. Each resident admitted to our facility will be informed of his/her total health status and medical condition, unless otherwise instructed by the resident's legal surrogate.
2. The resident's attending physician, the facility's medical director, or the director of nursing services will be responsible for informing the resident of his or her medical condition. Such information will include providing the resident with information relative to his/her:
 - a. Functional status;
 - b. Medical care and nursing care needs;
 - c. Rehabilitation and restorative potential;
 - d. Activities potential;
 - e. Cognitive status;
 - f. Oral health status;
 - g. Psychosocial status; and
 - h. Sensory and physical impairments.
3. The person informing the resident of his or her medical condition will present such information in a language that the resident can understand.
4. Each resident is encouraged to participate in his or her assessment and care planning program, including the discussion of his or her diagnoses, treatment options, risk and prognoses.
5. Should the attending physician determine that the resident is medically incapable of understanding his/her medical condition, the resident's representative will be informed of the resident's medical condition and asked to participate in the development of the resident's care plan.