

**VALLEY AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER
SPECIAL PATIENT INFORMATION / PATIENT RIGHTS**

In recognition of the responsibility of this Center in the rendering of patient care these rights are affirmed in its policies and procedures and in this Statement on Patient Rights:

1. The patient has the right to receive information. Patients are entitled to know the benefits, risks and financial costs of the treatment alternatives that are appropriate for their condition. Patients should receive guidance from their physician as to the optimal course of action. Patients are also entitled to obtain copies of their medical records, to have their questions answered, to receive second independent opinions and to be advised of potential conflicts of interest that their physicians might have.
2. The patient has the right to participate in decisions regarding his/her medical treatment. Accordingly, patients are free to accept or refuse health care that is recommended by their physicians.
3. The patient has the right to be advised if the Center proposes to engage in or perform experimental research affecting his/her care or treatment. The patient also has the right to refuse to participate in such research projects.
4. The patient has the right to courtesy, consideration, respect, privacy, dignity, responsiveness and timely attention to his/her needs.
5. The patient has the right to treatment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age.
6. The patient has the right to confidentiality. The physician and this Surgery Center should not reveal confidential communications or information pertaining to patient care and/or medical records without the express consent of the patient, unless required to do so by law. The patient has the right to refuse the release of health information in accordance with law.
7. The patient has the right to continuity of health care.
8. The patient has the right to have his/her representative notified should he/she suffer from a surgical complication, an illness or an accident.
9. The patient has the right to be informed about fees for services, and payment policies, and to examine and receive an explanation of his/her bill regardless of the source of payment.
10. To comply with Medicare conditions of coverage, we must inform you that it is possible your surgeon has a minor (<2%) ownership interest in this Center. If you require further information, please contact your surgeon.
11. The patient has the right to express grievances and complaints regarding the care and services provided or to make suggestions to the Surgery Center or to the Illinois Department of Public Health and/or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
12. The patient has the right to designate advance directives such as a Living Will or a Durable Healthcare Power of Attorney, which would authorize a designated agent to make health care decisions when the patient might be

unable to do so. The patient is responsible for providing VASC with a copy of any advance directive. Advanced cardiac life support will be instituted in every instance and the patient will be transported to a higher level of care.