# HEALTH TALK FOR SENIORS

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#### **TODAY'S GOALS**

- Share your experiences & concerns about 21<sup>st</sup> Century Health Care
- Discover helpful strategies for communicating with Providers
- Note your legal rights as a patient (Patient's Bill of Rights)
- Identify Health Care topics for future sessions







- 1. What is my main problem?
- 2. What do I need to do?
- 3. Why is it important for me to do this?

People who understand health instructions make fewer mistakes



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when they take their medicine or prepare for a medical procedure.

# They may also get well sooner or be able to better manage a chronic health condition.



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# If you don't understand the answers...

- "'Please tell me again!"
- "Please explain..."
- "What do I do next?"

# NY STATE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

### Hospitals and Diagnostic & Treatment Centers

- Informed Consent
- Refuse Treatment/participation in research
- Full Disclosure of Costs—challenge bills
- Identify your Providers
- Express Complaints—30 day response time
- Authorize Visitors



https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/patient\_rights/

# HIPAA FEDERAL LAW

"The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a federal law that required the creation of national standards to protect sensitive patient health information from being disclosed without the patient's consent or knowledge."

https://www.cdc.gov/phlp/publications/topic/hipaa.html#:~:text=The%20Health%20Insurance%20Portability%20and,the%20patient's%20consent%20or%20knowledge.

#### **Exceptions**

- Public Good (e.g. contact tracing during pandemic)
- Provider may discuss relevant info w/ your caregivers

## **INFORMED CONSENT**

Provider describes proposed treatment
Patient takes a role in decision-making
Provider gives alternatives
Provider describes risks/benefits
Patient agrees to chosen treatment

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK430827/#:~:text=Obtaining%20informed%20consent%20in%20medicine,and%20(5)% 20eliciting%20the%20patient's

#### **Useful Phone #s**

 Upstate University Hospital Patient Relations and Satisfaction 315 464-5597

 St. Joseph's Health, Department of Patient Relations 973-754-3147

• Other NY Providers/Systems <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/doctors/conduct">www.health.ny.gov/professionals/doctors/conduct</a>
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#### WHAT'S NEXT?????

What topics do you want to know more about?