A patient is responsible for:

1. Providing, to the best of his knowledge, accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, advance directives, and other matter relating to his health.
2. Reporting unexpected changes in his conditions to the responsible practitioner.
3. Reporting whether he clearly comprehends a contemplated course of action and what is expected of him.
4. Following the treatment plan recommended by the practitioner responsible for his care.
5. Keeping appointments and, when he is unable to do so for any reason, for notifying the responsible practitioner or the Hospital.
6. His actions if he refuses treatment or does not follow the practitioner’s instruction.
7. Following the Hospital’s rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct.
8. Ensuring that the financial obligations of his health care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.
9. Being considerate of the rights of other patients and Hospital personnel.
10. Following the no smoking regulation of the facility.
11. The patient is responsible for being respectful of the property, of other persons and of the Hospital.
12. Asking the doctor or nurse what to expect regarding pain and pain management.
13. Discussing pain relief options with the doctor and/or nurse.
14. Working with the doctor and/or nurse to develop a pain management plan.
15. Asking for pain relief when pain first begins.
16. Helping your doctor and/or nurse assess your pain.
17. Telling the doctor and/or nurse if pain is not relieved.
18. Telling the doctor and/or nurse about any worries you have about taking pain medications.