

Patient Rights

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Ohio law provides specific safeguards of patient's rights while they are receiving psychiatric treatment. Patients of Dr. Vincent Paolone, M.D. have the following legal rights:

A. The right to be treated with consideration and respect for personal dignity, autonomy and privacy.

B. The right to treatment, including the right to:

- A humane setting which is the least restrictive feasible as defined in the treatment.
- Be informed of one's own condition, of proposed or current services, treatment or therapies and of the alternatives.
- Consent to or refuse any service, treatment or therapy upon full explanation of the expected consequences of such consent or refusal. A parent or legal guardian may consent to or refuse any service, treatment or therapy on behalf of a minor patient.
- Active and informed participation in the establishment, periodic review, and reassessment of the treatment.
- Freedom from unnecessary or excessive medication.
- Be informed of and refuse any unusual or hazardous treatment procedures.
- Confidentiality of communications and of all personally identifying information within the limitations and requirements for disclosure of various funding and/or certifying sources, state or federal statutes, unless release of information is specifically authorized by the patient or legal guardian of a minor patient or court-appointed guardian of the person of an adult patient.
- The right to have access to one's own psychiatric, medical or other treatment records, unless access to particular identified items of information is specifically restricted for that individual patient for clear treatment reasons in the patient's treatment. "Clear treatment reasons" shall be understood to mean only severe emotional damage to the client such that dangerous or self-injurious behavior is an eminent risk. The person restricting the information shall explain to the patient and other persons authorized by the patient the factual information about the individual patient that necessitates the restriction.
- Not be discriminated against in the provision of service on the basis of religion, race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age, lifestyle, physical or mental handicap, developmental disability.
- Know the cost of the services.
- Be fully informed of all rights.

C. Law guarantees civil rights. Patients are considered legally competent to retain those rights, benefits and privileges unless there has been a court decision of incompetence for that purpose in a separate judicial proceeding. These rights include, but are not limited to.

- Not to be deprived of public or private employment solely by reason of having receive services, voluntary or involuntary, for a mental disability.
- To retain all rights not specifically denied under the Ohio Revised Code.

D. Other rights include, but are not limited to the right to:

- Confidentiality in accordance with state law.
- Pursue a writ of habeas corpus.

By signing below, I hereby indicate that I have been presented with a copy of the PATIENT RIGHTS Form and that I understand these rights as presented.

Patient / Parent / Guardian

Signature Date