

PEDIATRIC BILL OF RIGHTS

In addition to the rights of adult patients, all kids have a right to cry, laugh, or be made comfortable if it helps them feel better. They also have a right to:

- Ask to have a parent or another adult stay with them during their examination.
- Tell their caregiver when and where something hurts. Ask for something to ease their pain.
- Ask questions if they don't understand a medical procedure or what's happening to them.
- Have as much control as possible, over both self and situation. Such as choosing which ear should be looked at first, or which arm to have a shot in.
- Listen to music, play a game, or read a book to help distract them during medical procedures.
- Have parents or guardians remain in the waiting area.
- Have an adult with them when they ask except when the presence of another person would or may impact their care and cause a negative outcome.
- To have a schedule for their test and procedures that doesn't keep them hungry or thirsty any longer than necessary.
- And always..... To be called by their name.