



Family Planning Patient Rights

Men and women, regardless of race, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic and religious background, or economic standing have:

- The right to decide whether or not to have children and, if so, to determine their timing and spacing
- The right to be treated with dignity and respect
- The right to privacy and confidentiality in all aspects of services
- The right to adequate and objective education and counseling
- The right to have all procedures explained and questions answered in a language that can be understood
- The right to know effectiveness, possible side effects, and complications of all contraceptives
- The right to participate in selecting the contraceptive method(s) to be used
- The right to know the results and meanings (diagnosis, treatment and prognosis) of all tests and examinations
- The right to see their records and have them explained
- The right to know the meaning and implications of all forms they are asked to sign
- The right to consent to, or refuse, any contraceptive method, test, examination or treatment

Participation of any individual in the Family PACT (Planning Access, Care and Treatment) Program is voluntary and free of compulsion or coercion of any kind. If you feel your rights have been violated, please speak to the director of the clinic/health office.

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