

## **PEDIATRIC BILL OF RIGHTS**

The following excerpt is taken from the Association for the Care of Children's Health, "A Pediatric Bill of Rights". Please refer to Rocky Mountain Surgical Center's "Patient Bill of Rights" for further information regarding you and your child's rights when receiving services from Rocky Mountain Surgical Center and its health care providers.

### **In this facility you and your family have the right to:**

- Respect and personal dignity
- Care that supports you and your family
- Information you can understand
- Quality health care
- Emotional support
- Care that respects your need to grow, play and learn
- Make choices and decisions

### **FOR THE CHILD**

We will tell you who we are and what our role in your healthcare is.

We will provide a place for one family member to always stay as close to you as possible.

Your family can stay together as much as possible. If this is not possible, the people caring for you can explain why.

We will explain all the things to you and speak in a language you can understand. You can ask at any time what is happening to you and why.

You can make choices whenever possible. Please ask questions about anything that is unclear to you or your family.

Let us know what play and learning activities you like to do to help you grow and learn while being a patient in our facility.



## FOR THE FAMILY

The family is an important member of your child's healthcare team. It is the family who knows the child best. The information we have about your child is important. Please share this information with us so that together we can plan what is best for your child.

We will teach you and tell you about the care your child will need after you leave the facility. We will also tell you about people and places in your community that can help once you are home.

You have a right to any information necessary to make decisions about your child's care. The health care team will participate in those decisions so that you can understand the risks and choices regarding your child's care.

You have other rights which include the following: you can ask for a second opinion; you may refuse treatment as permitted by law; you can ask to change facilities; and you may change your mind about care for your child even after permission has been given.

If your child must be transferred to the hospital, we will make every effort not to move your child until you have been told why.

The family and child are responsible, to the best of their capabilities, for doing the things you have agreed to in the plan of care. If the plan cannot be followed, please tell us. Let us know how you would like to participate in your child's care and we will follow this plan as closely as possible.

Just as the surgery center and all personnel involved in your child's care will respect your rights, your family is expected to respect the rights and privacy of other children, families, and center personnel.