

Patient Guide: Patient Responsibilities

As a patient of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Milton, you are expected to and have the responsibility to:

- To provide accurate and complete information about your identity, medical history, current health status/condition; including pain and other matters relating to your health and any previous hospitalizations;
- Report any changes in your condition to your healthcare team;
- Let your healthcare team know that you understand/do not understand any treatment prescribed for you;
- Comply with the prescribed treatment plan and instructions recommended by your doctor and inform the healthcare team if you choose to refuse treatment;
- Understand that failure or refusal to follow the recommended treatment plan and instructions may have a negative impact on your treatment;
- Be part of the pain management team. If you are receiving pain medications, ask your healthcare team about pain management options. Use pain medications as prescribed and provide feedback if certain methods are not working well for you;
- Follow the hospital's rules and regulations, including those that prohibit offensive, threatening, and /or abusive language or behavior, and the use of tobacco, alcohol, or illicit drugs or substances. Help ensure that your visitors are aware and follow these rules;
- Take only the medications prescribed by your doctor for use during your hospitalization. A nurse will provide the medications to you. The hospital will properly dispose of other medications or chemical substances that are not appropriately labeled or prescribed. It is important to maintain an accurate list of your medications and any supplements that you take on a regular basis. To maintain an accurate list of medications, bring that list to all your doctor's appointments, visits to the hospital, and when filling prescriptions at the pharmacy;
- Provide the hospital with a copy of Advance Directives or Health Care Proxy designation you have prepared;
- Meet your financial obligations regarding hospitalization;
- Respect the rights of other patients. Please do not visit other patients in their rooms or leave the assigned unit without checking with a member of the health care team.