

Seychelles Patient Charter

(Draft)

Responsibility of Patients

- 1. Patients shall be responsible for their own health**
- 2. Patients shall provide to their care givers all information necessary for their care.**
- 3. Patients shall not provide false information to their care givers**
- 4. Patients shall show due respect to all their care givers**
- 5. Patients shall not abuse health care facilities**
- 6. Patients shall comply with treatment prescribed by the care givers unless there are compelling reasons not to do so. Responsibility for non-compliance shall rest on Patients.**
- 7. Patients shall participate actively in their own care when possible.**
- 8. Patients shall respect established procedures for receiving care**
- 9. Patients shall not exert pressure on the care giver in order to receive undue benefits.**
- 10. Patients shall respect the rights of other patients**

Rights of Children Patient

- 1. Children shall be admitted to a hospital only if the care needed for their illness cannot be administered at home or at an external or out-patient care consultation facility.**
- 2. Hospitalized children, no matter their age or state of health, have the right to have their parents or guardian by their side day and night.**
- 3. When children are admitted to a health facility, their parents/guardians shall be allowed to be with them.**
- 4. Health facilities shall inform parents/guardians about the rules that are specific to children's ward and shall facilitate their active participation in the care of their children.**
- 5. Children have the right to receive information concerning their illness and the care plan. Information shall be adapted to their age and understanding in order to make their participation in decision making possible.**
- 6. Children shall not be subjected to treatment and examinations that are not necessary. He/she has a right to the minimum possible physical and emotional traumas and /or pain.**
- 7. Children shall not be admitted to adult wards. They shall be put in their age groups in order to benefit from games, leisure, educational activities, adapted to their age. Their visitors shall be accepted no matter their age.**
- 8. Children shall be provided with an environment suitable for their physical, emotional and educational needs.**
- 9. Children shall be treated with tact and understanding in all circumstances.**
- 10. Children's privacy shall be respected.**

Rights of the adult patient

- 1. All government health facilities shall be accessible to everyone, particularly to the most deprived.**
- 2. Health care facilities shall be adapted for the needs of the handicapped.**
- 3. The health care establishments shall guarantee reception, treatment and care that respect the dignity of patients.**
- 4. Information given to patients shall be accessible and straight-forward. Patients shall participate in the choice of therapeutic care concerning them.**
- 5. A medical act shall take place only with the free and clear consent of Patients. Health care providers shall be attentive to the relief of pain.**
- 6. A specific consent form shall be established for patients participating in a biomedical research, for the donation and use of elements and parts of the human body as well as acts for detection of illness.**
- 7. Patients can, at any time, leave the hospital establishment apart from exceptions stated by law. Patients shall be informed of eventual risks that they may incur by their decision.**
- 8. Patients shall be treated with due consideration to their culture and beliefs. Those shall be respected as much as is practical. Their privacy and tranquility shall be preserved. Their personal, medical and social information shall be maintained in confidence.**
- 9. Patients may have access to information in their medical file.**
- 10. Patients shall be able to voice out their observations about the care and information received**