

# THE RECOGNITION OF ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AS A HUMAN RIGHT



## RIGHT TO HEALTH

The right to have access to health care services is a basic human right guaranteed by the Constitution. Section 27 of the Constitution provides that everyone has the right to have access to health care services, including reproductive health care services and no one may be refused emergency medical treatment.



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# HOW DOES HEALTH CARE RELATE TO HUMAN RIGHTS?

It entitles people to a system of health protection, including the prevention, treatment and control of diseases and access to essential medicines. The right to health means that functioning public health care facilities, goods and services must be available and accessible, equally, to all.



## WHAT ARE PATIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES?

Respect the priority given to emergency cases. Avoid interference with the treatment of other patients. Provide complete and accurate information about present complaints, past medical history as well as known drug allergies. Follow the treating doctor's instructions.



## HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH CARE HELPS PREVENT DISEASES AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE

# THREE KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PATIENT

01

Provide information. You and your family are responsible for providing accurate and complete information.

02

Ask questions. You and your family are responsible for asking questions when you do not understand what you have been told about your care.



03

Follow instructions. You and your family are responsible for following the care, service, or treatment plan developed. You should express any concerns you have about your ability to follow and comply with the proposed plan or course of treatment.