

Declaration of Patients Rights

The Georgia Patient Right to Know Act was signed into law in 2001. This law provides certain rights to patients regarding their medical care. The key elements of this law are presented here for your information.


"The patient has the right to file a grievance with the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners concerning the physicians, staff, office and treatment received. The patient should either call the Board with such a complaint or send a written complaint to the Board. The patient should be able to provide the name of the physician, or the practice name, the address and the specific nature of the complaint."

The address of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners is:
10th Floor, #2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The phone number of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners is: (404) 657-6487.

"A patient has the right to inquire as to the estimated charges for a routine office visit, routine treatments, and lab tests prior to receiving such treatment. When asked for such information, the physician or other authorized personnel shall give such information freely and without reservation or evasion. Violation of this right should be reported immediately to the board. Physicians are not responsible for ascertaining the details of the patient's insurance coverage and explaining such information to the patient. A physician may require the payment of his or her fee or any applicable co-payment in advance of delivering professional services unless otherwise prohibited by law."

For more information on the Patient Right to Know Act of 2001, please go to the website of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners.
<http://www.medicalboard.state.ga.us/>


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