

# Patient Rights in the Hospital

Now a Health Minute.

While you may feel helpless in the hospital, it's important to remember that as a hospital patient, you have rights.

The U.S. Government adopted the Patients' Bill of Rights to help patients feel more confident in the healthcare system. And to give them a way to address any problems they may encounter. For instance, you have the right to considerate and respectful care.

You also have the right to obtain complete current information about your diagnosis and treatment in easy-to-understand terms.

Ask your healthcare provider for a list of your rights or contact the American Hospital Association at [AHA.org](http://AHA.org).