Patient Responsibilities

At Strong Memorial Hospital, we believe patients and families are partners in ensuring that the best possible care is provided in a healthful, safe environment. We count on you to participate in your care in the following ways:

1. To the best of your knowledge, provide accurate and complete information about your present symptoms, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters relating to your health.

2. Provide upon admission a copy of your health care proxy or any other advance directives or power of attorney forms, if you have them.

3. Report any changes in your condition or anything that appears unsafe to your nurse or doctor.

4. Ask questions if you do not clearly understand the proposed plan of care and what is expected of you.

5. Follow the treatment plan that you and your doctor have developed. This may include following the instruction of nurses and other health care staff who are involved in your care. Accept the consequences if you do not follow the treatment plan.

6. Keep appointments. When you are unable to do so for any reason, notify the office appointment center in advance.

7. Please provide accurate insurance information and promptly pay balances not covered by your insurance.

8. Treat other patients and staff with consideration and respect.
9. Please be considerate of the rights of other patients and our hospital staff by assisting with control of noise and the number of visitors to the hospital.

10. Be respectful of the property of other persons and of the hospital.

11. For your information the following items and behaviors are prohibited at Strong Memorial Hospital:
   • Alcoholic Beverages
   • Disruptive or Violent Behaviors
   • Weapons
   • Smoking
   • Street Drugs

If patients are unable to maintain safe and respectful behavior, their activities may be restricted; or, in extreme situations, the hospital may terminate their treatment and offer an alternative plan for care.