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Welcome

Dear Family and Friends,

For over 65 years, the UofL Health – Frazier Rehab Institute team of physicians, therapists, rehab nurses and other staff have remained committed to the mission upon which Frazier Rehab Institute was founded: to assist physically impaired individuals of all ages in realizing their optimum level of functional independence, productivity, social adjustment and self-esteem. We are proud of the work we do here and want you to know that we place meeting your needs at the top of our list. Our goal is to provide you with the very best in rehabilitation care!

For many of you, this is your first experience at an acute rehab facility. Our first responsibility is to keep you safe and we will take steps to do that. You can expect our employees to ask your name and date of birth each time they provide care. You can expect them to wash their hands before and after they provide any care. Don’t hesitate to ask questions and to remind them of these expectations. Please be our partner in safety by not taking any unnecessary risks and following all safety precautions as instructed by your doctor and treatment team. Please ask for assistance when getting out of bed or going to the bathroom. Remember you are recovering and not at a 100% yet.

After discharge from our inpatient program, you may need additional outpatient therapy. In addition to our downtown location, Frazier Rehab Institute has several convenient outpatient locations in Kentucky and Southern Indiana to serve your outpatient rehab needs.

Should you or your family have any questions regarding any information contained in this handbook, please talk to your Case Manager or the Charge Nurse.

Thank you for choosing Frazier Rehab Institute as a partner on your team to assist you in the journey of recovery!

The Frazier Rehab Team
Who We Are

Frazier Rehab Institute has been providing medical and rehabilitation care to adults and children who have experienced an injury or disease since it opened in 1954.

Frazier Rehab Institute is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation for Rehab Facilities (CARF) and The Joint Commission. Frazier Rehab Institute is part of UofL Health.

Who We Serve

Frazier Rehab Institute provided care to almost 1800 inpatients last year.

A breakdown of these patients by diagnosis:
• 26% were admitted following a stroke
• 19% following a brain injury
• 7% following an orthopedic procedure
• 11% following a spinal cord injury
• 13% with a pulmonary condition
• 8% with a neurologic condition
• 16% following a variety of diseases or injuries including amputation, arthritis, burns, etc.

Approximately 8% of the inpatients last year were 17 years of age or younger.

Our Mission

The mission of Frazier Rehab is to serve the physically impaired adult and pediatric rehabilitation needs for the people of Kentucky, Indiana and the surrounding region and to realize their optimum level of functional independence, productivity, social adjustment and self-esteem by:
• Delivering exceptional quality care
• Improving accessibility
• Advancing rehab research and education
Our Commitment To Ethical Practice

UofL Health – Frazier Rehab Institute strongly believes that the community, our patients, and our fellow employees have the right to expect us to perform with honesty and integrity at all times. Frazier Rehab Institute has established a Code of Conduct that every employee pledges to uphold in the execution of his or her duties promoting the following values:

• We apply high ethical standards to all our activities.
• We view accountability and resourcefulness as integral to our team environment.
• We treat all those we serve and one another with respect, dignity and compassion.
• We fairly and accurately represent our capabilities and ourselves.
• We provide services to meet the identified needs of our patients and constantly seek to avoid the provision of those services which are unnecessary or not effective.
• We treat patients in a courteous and respectful manner giving consideration to their background, culture, religion and heritage.
• We bill patients or third parties only for services actually provided and provide assistance to patients seeking to understand the cost of their care.
• We maintain the confidentiality of patient information and other sensitive information concerning personnel and business issues.

Frazier Rehab has access to the Ethics Committee, a multidisciplinary group established to focus on ethical questions or issues that may arise from the care of patients. The Ethics Committee’s purpose is to educate, consult with and advise health care professionals, health care workers, management, the board of directors, patients and their families on ethical issues. It may act as a liaison between the family and the health care professional. The Ethics Committee is not a decision-making body and does not replace the patient/family/physician as the decision-making triad in treatment decisions.

Any patient, family member, health professional or concerned individual may request that the Ethics Committee consider ethical questions or issues relating to health care. A request for Ethics Committee consultation may be made through Frazier Rehab Administration at 502-582-7490. Meetings of the Ethics Committee are confidential in nature, and minutes of such meetings shall not name any specific employee, physician or patient.
Patient Rights and Responsibilities

The organization encourages respect for the personal preferences and values of each individual. We consider patients as partners in their health care. When patients are well informed, participate in treatment decisions and communicate openly with their doctor and other health professionals, they help make their care as effective as possible.

WHEN YOU ARE A PATIENT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:
1. Receive fair and compassionate care at all times and under all circumstances.
2. Receive comfort, respect and recognition of personal dignity, values and beliefs; including cultural, psychosocial and spiritual.
3. Be treated equally and receive the same level of care or treatment regardless of your age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture, language, physical or mental disability, socioeconomic status, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.
4. Receive safe and appropriate medical care to the best of the organization’s ability.
5. Be informed of your rights before care is provided or discontinued, whenever possible.
6. Be informed of organization rules and regulations that affect your behavior as a patient.
7. Personal privacy and to expect that documents and communication concerning your care will be treated as confidential.
8. Confidentiality of your clinical records and to review or obtain a copy of your medical record within a reasonable timeframe.
9. Access, request amendment to, and obtain information on disclosures of your health information, in accordance with law and regulation.
10. Have family members, representatives and your physician notified promptly of the admission to the facility upon patient’s request.
11. Know the name of the physician and/or medical group who has primary responsibility for coordinating your care and the names of other physicians or non-physicians involved in your care.
12. Access religious and other spiritual services.
13. Receive treatment in a safe environment free from neglect, exploitation and abuse, and to be assisted in accessing Protective Services and/or Advocacy Services, as appropriate.
14. Receive personalized treatment through an individualized treatment plan, and for you and/or your personal representative to participate in the development and implementation of your treatment plan. This organization values each patient’s cultural, racial and religious customs as part of their treatment plan.
16. Be free from restraints and seclusion of any form that are not necessary or are used as a means of coercion, discipline, convenience or retaliation by staff.
17. Patients have the right to information regarding the organization’s policy on the forgoing of life support by withholding resuscitative services from patients.
18. Complete, review and revise an Advance Directive. You have the right to receive assistance in completing an Advance Directive. Your access to care will not be affected if you do or do not have an Advance Directive. Your wishes at the end of life will still be obtained and respected.
19. Know the extent to which the organization is able, unable or unwilling to honor your Advance Directive.
20. Have your family involved in care, treatment and services decisions to the extent you allow or your surrogate decision-maker, in accordance with law and regulation.
21. Have a designated surrogate decision-maker, someone who is able to make decisions about your care in the event that you are unable to do so. When a surrogate decision-maker is responsible for making care, treatment and service decisions, and the organization will respect the surrogate decision-maker’s right to refuse care, treatment and services on your behalf, in accordance with law and regulation.
22. Have a family member, friend, or other individual be present with you for emotional support during the course of your stay, unless the individual’s presence infringes on others’ rights, safety or is medically or therapeutically contraindicated. This individual may or may not be your surrogate decision-maker or legally authorized representative.
23. Participate in ethical decisions regarding your care, including decisions relative to care at the end of life. The dying patient has the right to care that optimizes comfort as well as dignity.

24. The right to receive information including risks, benefits and reasonable alternatives in a language or method of communication that you understand pertaining to your health status, current diagnosis, treatment plan and prognoses in order for you to give informed consent or to refuse consent.

25. Refuse treatment to the extent allowed by law, and be informed of the significant medical consequences of this action.

26. Refuse recording or filming made for purposes other than the identification, diagnosis or treatment of the patient.

27. Wear personal clothing and religious or other symbolic items, provided such items do not interfere with diagnostic procedures or treatment.

28. Receive information from your physician about the outcomes of your care, including unanticipated outcomes and prospects for recovery, in terms you can understand.

29. Request a consult with other physician(s) and/or independent specialist(s), at your own expense.

30. Expect that the organization will make a reasonable response to your request for services. The organization will provide evaluation, service and/or referral(s) as indicated by medical necessity. Only after you have received information about the need for transfer, and it is medically permissible, will you be transferred to another facility. The receiving facility must have agreed to accept your transfer.

31. Receive continuity of care and notification in advance of any health care needs following discharge, including outpatient care options.

32. Timely notification if your insurance will not pay your bill and information about the process to follow if you disagree with your insurance company’s determination.

33. Receive an itemized explanation of your bill.

34. Present complaints and expect that corrective action will be taken, when indicated. The right to voice complaints about care without being subject to coercion/intimidation, discrimination, retaliation or compromised access to future care.

35. To expect prompt response to and resolution of a grievance, including a written notice of the organization’s decision, the name of a contact person, steps taken to investigate the grievance, the results of the grievance process and the date of completion. As appropriate to the nature of the grievance, the following individuals may assist you in initiating the grievance process: the physician, staff nurse or his/her supervisor, the patient representative, hospital administrator or a social worker.

36. Communicate your problems, concerns or complaints with the organization to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services by contacting the Office of the Inspector General, Division of Licensing and Regulation, 908 W. Broadway, Tenth Floor, Louisville, Kentucky 40203, 502-595-4958, or you may contact The Joint Commission, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181, 800-994-6610.

37. Be advised if the organization intends to engage in or perform research, investigation, clinical trials or educational activities which affect your care or treatment so that you may decide if you want to participate or refuse to participate in such activities. You have the right to decline to participate in clinical studies, research or experiments. Refusal to participate will not affect your access to care or treatment or affect benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

38. Patients who are dying have the right to receive care that will provide them with comfort and dignity. The dying patient has the right to receive such care, which shall include:
   • Treatment of primary and secondary symptoms responsive to treatment, as desired by the patient or surrogate decision maker
   • Effective management of pain
   • Acknowledgment of the psychosocial and spiritual concerns of the dying patient and his/her family

39. Acknowledgment of the expression of grief by the dying patient and his/her family.

40. Receive the visitors designated, including, but not limited to, a spouse, a domestic partner (including a same-sex domestic partner), another family member, or a friend, and his or her right to withdraw or deny such consent at any time; the organization will:
   • Not restrict, limit, or otherwise deny visitation privileges on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability;
   • Ensure that all visitors chosen by the patient enjoy “full and equal” visitation privileges, consistent with the patient’s wishes
PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES:
The care that you receive as a patient depends partially on your participation and actions with your physicians and organization staff. Therefore, in addition to your rights as a patient, you have the following responsibilities.

1. Provide the facility with accurate and complete information about your present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications and any other pertinent matters about your health.
2. Report any safety issues related to your care or about the physical environment.
3. Ask questions when you do not understand what you have been told about your care, your condition, or what you are expected to do regarding your care.
4. Report any unexpected changes in your condition to your physician(s) or other health care providers.
5. Follow any treatment plan recommended by your physician, including the instructions of nurses and other health care professionals as they carry out your physician’s orders.
6. Assume responsibility for your actions if you refuse treatment or do not follow the prescribed treatment.
7. Keep appointments given to you at discharge.
8. Treat organization staff, physicians and other care providers with respect and courtesy, avoiding use of profanity and inappropriate or threatening conduct.
9. Inform and provide us with advance directives and the appointment of a surrogate in your behalf.
10. Meet your financial commitments to the organization.

Our Commitment To Patient Satisfaction

Our goal is to provide the very best in rehabilitation care and we want you to be completely satisfied with the services you receive while at Frazier Rehab. Our team takes great pride in ensuring that your stay is comfortable, efficient, and effective as you recover. After discharge, you may receive a text message or email with the sender identified as “91994.” This message is coming from Press Ganey, our patient satisfaction survey company. We would appreciate your response by completing a short survey about your experience at Frazier Rehab by clicking on the link to the eSurvey. This information is helpful for us to learn how we can improve. You may also receive an additional mail survey from Frazier Rehab, asking specific questions about your rehab program and treatment team.

Patient Concerns

We want to provide the very best care possible while at Frazier Rehab Institute. If you have concerns about the care or service you are receiving, please contact the charge nurse at 502-240-2632 at any time.

Patient Complaints

If a complaint is received from a current inpatient, every effort will be made to resolve the complaint at the bedside. If the complaint can be satisfactorily addressed, it is not considered a grievance. If the complaint cannot be resolved, the formal grievance process will be implemented. Any complaint received from a discharged inpatient or that is written is automatically deemed to be a grievance. You may expect follow-up either through verbal or written communication usually within seven days of receipt of grievance. Please note that any written correspondence related to care of a patient will be sent to the patient, no matter who is presenting the concern.

Should you feel that the hospital has not responded to your concern, you have the option to contact:

**The Joint Commission**
Office of Quality & Patient Safety
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181
Email: patientsafetyreport@jointcommission.org
Phone: 800-994-6610

**CMS**
The Kentucky Office of the Inspector General
Northern Enforcement Branch
Phone: 502-595-4958
Email: NEBComplaints-Reports@ky.gov
Help us provide a safe environment for care.

UofL Health has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for abusive or violent behavior towards our patients, staff and visitors.

Verbal abuse can include:
- Calling names or swearing
- Yelling at, threatening or intimidating
- Using sexually explicit comments or innuendo

Physical violence can include:
- Using any degree of physical force with intent to harm
- Touching someone inappropriately
- Holding or restraining someone

Violation of this policy will result in IMMEDIATE ACTION by security and may result in removal from the hospital by law enforcement.

Violation of this policy may also include LEGAL ACTION up to and including filing charges that could result in imprisonment in accordance with Statutes KRS 431.005 and KRS 431.015, amended March, 2017.
DIRECTIONS TO PATIENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP
Turn right onto Abraham Flexner Way off of Brook Street. The second building on the right is Frazier Rehab and Neuroscience Center. Just past Frazier Rehab on the east side of the building is a drive through ramp for patient drop-off and pick-up.

PARKING
To better serve the inpatients of our downtown medical campus facilities:
• We provide one free pass for parking in the hospital garage for each inpatient
• The patient may give this pass to one individual
• The free parking pass is good for the month issued plus the first 7 days of the next month
• We offer free valet parking for OUTPATIENTS
• Additional passes for family and visitors of a patient can be purchased at the booth in parking garage
• Standard Rates: 0 to 1 hour ...................... $1.00 3 to 4 hours ......................... $4.00
1 to 2 hours ...................... $2.00 4 to 5 hours ......................... $5.00
2 to 3 hours ...................... $3.00 5 to 24 hours ......................... $7.00
Lost Tickets ....................... $7.00
• Daily Parking Pass: $7.00 (for patients/visitors)
• Weekly Parking Pass: $10.00 (for patients/visitors)
• Monthly Parking Pass: $40.00 (for patients/visitors)
• The Valet Parking is a flat $8.00 fee

If you would like to apply for a handicapped parking permit for your automobile, truck, or van, please contact the case management department at 502-582-7686. You will be given an application form to be signed by your doctor. You can either take the application to the County Clerk’s Office and receive your permit that day or mail the application form to the County Clerk’s Office and your permit will be mailed to you. There is an annual fee for this permit.
MICHAEL BRENT RESOURCE CENTER
Located on the 11th floor of Frazier Rehab, the Michael Brent Resource Center is an area for inpatients, outpatients, families and community groups to meet and access resources to better understand their medical condition. The Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Center provides information to patients and their families about spinal cord injury (SCI) and other disabilities. Functioning as a lending library of books, magazines, DVDs, and CDs, the Center also provides computers with adaptive access to the internet. In addition, the Center’s website, www.spinalcordmedicineresources.com, lists a calendar of events, current news about SCI, and links to web-based resources. The Center is supported by Friends for Michael Inc., a non-profit group dedicated to raising funds and awareness of spinal cord injury in memory of Michael Brent.

BILL COLLINS RESOURCE CENTER
Located on the first floor of Frazier Rehab, the Bill Collins Resource Center provides resources for patients with movement disorders. Here they can find information to learn about their disorder, about organizations and facilities that can help them with the management of their disorder, and about research opportunities. It is not limited to Parkinson’s disease, but is encompassing of the entire range of movement disorders and diagnoses.

FOOD SERVICE
We are committed to healthy communities! This means that we will provide nutritious menu options to nurture our patients. Our goal is to offer a Mindful/Wellness Meal that tastes good, uses fresh ingredients, and is nutritious. We coordinate meal times around your therapy schedule. We also have a registered dietitian available to provide special diet instructions and education during your hospital stay. You will be asked to make meal/snack selections based on your prescribed diet.

A Nutrition Services representative will visit you in your room to obtain your meal order. You may also order meals each day between 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., by dialing extension #6767. Meals will be delivered during the unit meal time in coordination with your therapy schedule.

Families and visitors may access food or drinks in the vending area on each patient floor and in the Jewish Hospital Chestnut Café. The Jewish Hospital Chestnut Café serves multiple Mindful/Wellness menu selections daily. Please call extension #6767 for extended hours of operation at our Chestnut Café.

LAUNDRY
There are laundry facilities located on both the 8th floor and the 10th floor in the vending areas adjacent to the restrooms for patient use. You must furnish your own laundry supplies.

MAIL SERVICE
Mail is delivered daily to patient rooms. You may also leave outgoing mail at the nurses station. Friends and family may send cards and letters to patients with the patient’s name and room # clearly displayed on the envelope in care of:
Frazier Rehab Institute
220 Abraham Flexner Way
Louisville, KY 40202

NOTARY SERVICE
If you require a notary service, your case manager can instruct you on such services available in our facility.

ATM
There is an ATM machine located on the first floor of Frazier Rehab Institute.

HAIR STYLIST
At Frazier Rehab, a hair stylist is available each week to cut and/or style your hair. Notify your nurse if you want to access this service. You will need to pay the stylist at the time that services are provided.
Your Room

YOUR BED
In your room at Frazier Rehab Institute, you have a special bed with push button and electric controls to raise and lower the bed and side rails for your safety. If you are at high risk for falling, we will ask that you keep a bed alarm active whenever you are in bed. This helps to keep you safe.

YOUR CALL BUTTON
To call your nurse or nursing assistant, press the red button on your remote control.

YOUR TELEVISION
Each patient is provided his/her own television. You can control your television with the “nurse-call/pillow speaker”. To watch television:
1) Press TV ON/OFF button
2) Press Channel UP or DOWN button to select the TV station of your choice
3) Press CC for closed caption

PLEASE NOTE: Amazon Fire Sticks are not allowed to be used by patients or visitors at Frazier Rehab as they interfere with the clinical monitoring systems!

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**WIRELESS INTERNET**
To access the guest wireless network at Frazier Rehab Institute from your personal computer, follow these steps:
1. Ensure your device’s wireless capabilities are turned on.
2. Search for available wireless networks and select "GUEST."
3. Once the wireless connection has been established, open up a new web page in your device’s default browser. Note: if the previously visited page displays when you open the browser, you will need to refresh the page or open a new page.
4. A message with important information about the guest access will appear on the webpage. If you agree with the terms of access, select “ACCEPT.”
5. If you are not connected to your normal homepage within 20 seconds, close the browser and re-launch and the browser should be connected. You should now have connectivity to access the web and externally available applications.

**Tips and Hints:**
1. If you are initially unable to connect to the guest network or obtain an error message when connecting, try rebooting the device, turning the wireless network off and back on, and following the instructions above.
2. Guest network connectivity is disabled after approximately 10 minutes of inactivity. If this occurs, you will want to follow the above instructions again.
3. During times of peak wireless activity, you may lose your connection, be unable to connect, or experience a slow connection. When this occurs you may attempt connecting in a lobby or other area of the facility or wait until peak activity subsides. Note: The guest wireless network may not be available in all areas at all times. Clinical devices will get first priority in connecting to the wireless access points.

**YOUR TELEPHONE**
You will have a private telephone so that your family and friends can call you between the hours of 7 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Calls at other times will be answered by our operator so that you can sleep.

- **To make a local call:** Dial 9, then the number.
- **To make a long distance call:** Dial 0, then ask for a long-distance operator. (Long-distance calls require a credit card)

If you have a phone at home that is specific to your needs, ask your doctor, nurse or therapist if it can be used in your room at Frazier Rehab Institute.

**USE OF PERSONAL CELL PHONE**
When you are in your room, you may use your personal cell phone at Frazier Rehab Institute. While in therapy or treatment, we would request that your cell phone be placed in the silent mode and that you don’t accept or make calls. If you have a roommate, we ask that you be respectful by not talking too loudly or receiving/making calls throughout the night during normal sleeping time.

Frazier Rehab Institute does not assume responsibility for any personal cell phone brought into the hospital if it is lost or stolen.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**
We respectfully request that you, your family or other visitors not use a cell phone or camera to take pictures or video recordings while in Frazier Rehab Institute. We must protect the privacy of staff, other patients and their families or guests just as we would want to protect you in the same manner.
YOUR TREATMENT TEAM

While at Frazier Rehab Institute, a group of professionals work together with you and your family to coordinate your care, set your goals and keep track of your progress. This is called an interdisciplinary approach to patient care. At Frazier Rehab Institute, the case manager will be the primary individual that you and your family will communicate with regarding progress toward discharge.

You and/or your family or significant other are considered the most important member(s) of the team. We are here to serve you as the patient, and at all times try to ensure that we are addressing goals/issues that are important to you in your quest to achieve your optimal level of functional independence.

Your basic team will include an attending rehab doctor, nurse, case manager, physical therapist, and occupational therapist. Depending on your particular needs, your team could include others as described below:

• **Attending Doctor** – Your lead caregiver, the attending doctor is a physiatrist, a specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation. He/she will direct your care, identify problems and prescribe medication as well as your specific therapy needs.

• **Case Manager** – The individual who coordinates your services to make sure your rehabilitation program meets all your needs within the limits of available resources. He or she informs your insurance company of your progress, helps you plan where you will go after discharge from Frazier Rehab Institute, talks to you about your personal and/or family concerns, provides information regarding community resources, and serves as your family’s main source of information.

• **Rehabilitation Nurse** – A nurse will be assigned to you to provide your daily nursing care. Your nurse will also teach you about your physical limitations, changes needed in your life style, medications and specialized care you may need after discharge.

• **Nursing Assistant** – A nursing assistant will help your nurse provide daily care. Your nursing assistant may wake you in the morning, help with breakfast, help you with dressing, bathing/showering and getting you to your scheduled therapy sessions.

• **Unit Secretary** – When you press your call light button, the unit secretary will answer the call. Tell him or her what you need. He or she can ask your nurse or nursing assistant to help you.

• **Dietitian** – Your food and nutrition needs may change after you have had a serious medical event. Our staff will evaluate your changing nutritional needs and talk to you about foods that will keep you healthy, energetic and strong.

• **Occupational Therapist (OT)** – Your occupational therapist will help you improve the skills needed to perform self care, participate in leisure activities and return to your routine. Your occupational therapist will also work with you to increase your strength, balance, sensation and coordination. He/she will also help you improve your cognition (thinking) skills and perceptual abilities. You may be encouraged to use some adaptive equipment or adaptive techniques so you can become more independent with your daily routine.

• **Physical Therapist (PT)** – Your physical therapist will work with you to improve movement, strength, coordination, balance, sensation and flexibility. The goal is to achieve the highest level of mobility for you both in and outside of the home. Your PT may also recommend the appropriate use of assistive devices such as a walker, cane, braces or wheelchair.

• **Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)** – A speech/language pathologist addresses communication skills such as speaking, listening, reading, writing and thinking. Speech/language pathologists also treat swallowing problems.

• **Clinical Psychologist** – A psychologist will be available to assist you and your family in understanding and coping with your medical condition. Individual, group and family counseling may be helpful in assisting you and your family to adjust to the illness/injury and deal with thoughts, feelings, and behaviors that might be difficult to manage.

• **Clinical Pharmacist** – A clinical pharmacist works closely with your physician and health care team. The clinical pharmacist personally reviews all of your medications to make sure they are safe and effective. A clinical pharmacist is available at any time during your rehab stay to answer your questions related to your medications.
• **Therapeutic Recreation Specialist** – Recreation and leisure activities are an important part of your treatment plan and life. Your therapeutic recreation specialist will help you identify new leisure activities, adapt previous activities as needed, and assist you in navigating and problem-solving in the community through outings and group activities.

• **Pulmonary Rehab Therapist** – Your pulmonary rehab therapist will work with you to help improve your breathing. The goal will be to give you tools to use while in rehab and also after you are discharged. Your therapist will teach breathing retraining exercises and proper use of other equipment such as supplemental oxygen, breathing treatment, a ventilator or sleep equipment. If you have a tracheostomy tube, the therapist will help teach you how to care for this at home.

• **Respiratory Therapist (RT)** – The respiratory therapist will come to bedside and help with breathing treatments. They will also help you understand the correct way to use pulmonary medications.

**LANGUAGE SERVICES**

Our goal is to provide equitable access and effective communication for patients, families, and surrogate decision makers as well as blind/visually impaired patients through appropriate language/communication services. When the need exists, language services will be utilized when discussing all important medical information, at no additional cost to the patient. Closed captioning is also available upon request for Deaf/Hard of Hearing patients.

**SPIRITUAL CARE**

Chaplaincy services are available through the Jewish Hospital Chaplain's Office. Patients may request service by contacting their nurse or case manager, who will make this referral through the Chaplain's Office.

**YOUR TREATMENT PLAN**

On your first full day at Frazier Rehab, the evaluation process will begin. This process involves a review of your medical records and history, discussing your goals, evaluating your current level of functioning/skills and determining a treatment plan - with your input!

Ways you can assist with this process:

- Providing accurate history.
- Informing team about your preferences, patterns, and needs.
- Seeking guidance from treating therapists on exercises you may do between therapy sessions.
- Maintain a positive attitude toward the therapy process.

What to expect:

- Most patients receive 3 hours of therapy, five out of seven days per week.
- Limited therapy services are provided on Saturday and Sunday.
- A therapy schedule is provided to each patient in the morning, reflecting the day’s schedule.
- Your therapy schedule will be adjusted to meet your medical needs.
- Please discuss scheduling concerns and preferences with your therapist.

**TEAM ROUNDS MEETING**

Throughout your stay, your rehab physician, case manager, nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist and other treatment team members will meet for a weekly Team Rounds meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to review your medical needs, progress toward your goals and discharge plans. These meetings may be held in your room, and as the most important members of the team, you and your caregiver will be expected to participate. There are many factors which contribute to determining the length of stay for each patient. The weekly Team Rounds meeting will help to ensure that our team is addressing any barriers to discharge and that we are working closely with you and your caregiver as you prepare for discharge.
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It is suggested that you write your name or initials on all clothing or personal items.

## FAMILY / CAREGIVER PARTICIPATION

Your family/caregiver is an important part of the treatment team. To prepare for discharge, family teaching days/times will be scheduled to ensure that your family/caregiver has the opportunity to learn what you are able to do and how they may safely assist you. Family or those who will be caregivers after discharge are expected to attend scheduled teaching sessions. The amount of family teaching needed will vary from patient to patient. While in therapy or treatment, we would request that all cell phones be placed in the silent mode and that phone calls are not made or received. To protect the privacy of patients and staff, we ask that still pictures or videos not be taken at Frazier Rehab Institute.
VISITOR POLICY
• Visiting hours are 5 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
• Children under 16 may visit when accompanied by a responsible adult.
• Length of visit and number of visitors may be limited due to the patient’s condition.
• All visitors should be free of fever and without contagious infections.
• Visitors will not bring personal items to patient room that may block egress/provision of patient care (example: chairs, air mattress, appliances, etc.).
• For infection control concerns, proper protective equipment must be worn if applicable by all visitors.
• No alcohol, drugs or weapons are permitted.
• Visitors should call staff for assistance with transfer/walking patients.
• Visitors are encouraged to visit after 4:30 p.m. when therapy has ended for the day.
• Visitors are not allowed in patient gym, caregiver is encouraged to attend therapy sessions with patient.
• Visitors who fail to follow the guidelines will be required to leave the building.

OVERNIGHT VISITORS
If the patient is in a private room, one adult who is at least 18 years of age may stay in the room overnight.
• If the patient is in a semi-private room, one adult of the same gender who is at least 18 years of age may stay in the room overnight.
• Overnight visitors should store belongings properly to ensure adequate space for patient care activities.
• We may, in consultation with your physician, restrict an overnight visitor as deemed advisable for your well being.

PAIN MANAGEMENT
Frazier Rehab takes pain management seriously. It is our responsibility to assess your pain and recommend pain control therapies to enhance your comfort and participation in therapy. Your team will assess your pain routinely and may use a scale such as the one pictured below:

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Pain Rating Scale © Mosby

0 No Hurt
1 Hurts Little Bit
2 Hurts Little More
3 Hurts Even More
4 Hurts Whole Lot
5 Hurts Worst
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Pain control options may include medication or other treatments (e.g., relaxation, diaphragmatic breathing, heat/cold therapy, positioning). Your physician will decide what, if any, medications or other interventions are needed to manage your pain. Your nurse will let you know what your physician has prescribed for you.

It is important that you communicate with your nurse and doctor about your pain level especially when the pain starts. It is much more difficult to achieve pain relief if the pain is already at an unbearable point. Your pain may not go away completely but our goal is to maintain pain at the lowest level possible. If you continue to experience pain even after treatment, please discuss this with your doctor or nurse.

To keep you safe, it is important that you do not take any medications from home. Your doctor and nurse should know about any and all medications you are taking while at Frazier Rehab and any side effects that you experience.
Your Safety

At Frazier Rehab Institute, your safety is our priority. We encourage you to speak up and ask questions about your care. Feel free to ask questions about the medications you are being given, ask staff if they have cleaned their hands before providing your care and listen to make sure staff ask for your name and date of birth when providing treatment. All of these things help to ensure that we are providing safe care to you!

STAFF IDENTIFICATION
All staff are required to wear a picture identification badge. If someone is not wearing a badge, you should ask his/her name and their role on your treatment team. If you have concerns about anyone providing care to you, please notify the nursing staff immediately.

BED SAFETY
When you are in your room, please keep two side rails up on the bed up at all times.

LEAVING THE UNIT
Patients may not leave the nursing unit/floor alone unless they have been evaluated by therapy and nursing and have been given permission to travel throughout the building/campus independently. A special armband is given to patients allowed to be independent travelers.

Patients may leave the nursing unit with a chaperone but must follow these Off-Unit Guidelines:
• Check with your nurse before leaving the unit to ensure no treatment/medications are scheduled.
• Be accompanied by a chaperone who is 18 years of age or older.
• The chaperone must read and sign the guidelines (at the central nursing station) before taking the patient off the unit.
• The patient/chaperone must sign out and sign in at the central nursing station.
• The patient and chaperone must remain on the Jewish Hospital/Frazier Rehab campus.
• The patient cannot be taken off campus, cannot get in a vehicle, cannot be taken across a street or go across a pedway.
• Time off the nursing unit/floor should not exceed 30 minutes.
• The patient should not take or use any drugs or alcohol.
• The patient should not be late for or miss any therapy sessions.
• The patient should not attempt physical activities if they are not independent in that skill, even if the skill has been practiced in therapy (for example, do not attempt to walk even if that is something you are practicing in therapy).
• If there are any changes in patient condition (e.g., shortness of breath, pain, pale skin, dizziness), immediately bring the patient back to the nursing floor and notify his/her nurse.
• If patient is on oxygen, ensure that oxygen tank is full before leaving unit.

These patients may NOT leave the nursing unit:
• Patients in droplet/airborne/special contact infection precautions
• Patients admitted under an alias name for security reasons
• Patients who have a gray band unless approved by Manager / Pediatric Coordinator
• Patients with an IV site or Central Line

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT
Because we are concerned for your health, safety and comfort, smoking is not permitted within the building or outside of the building on the hospital campus. This smoke-free policy applies to patients, families, hospital staff and volunteers. If you would like information to help you quit smoking, please ask any clinical staff member.

PATIENT IDENTIFICATION
Upon admission, all patients will have their picture taken for their electronic medical record and will be given a white identification wristband. The band contains important information that will be verified with the patient and/or family prior to administration of medications and/or medical procedures.
Your wristband allows us to use barcode technology to ensure the highest level of safety standards for medication administration. Before administering medication, your nurse will scan the barcode on your wristband. This process helps us keep you safe! Please keep this wristband on at all times.

In addition to the identification wristband, additional bands of different colors may be placed on your wrist to assist our staff in keeping you safe. Each band color represents a different level of assistance/care that may be needed to keep you safe. Your treatment team will help you understand what each band means.

**HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS!**
It is important for all visitors entering the hospital to be free of fever and without contagious infections!

Handwashing is the single most effective way to minimize the spread of germs and infection:

- Alcohol-based foam hand sanitizer is located at the entry to each patient room and throughout our building.
- Handwashing stations with soap and water are also located on each unit. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Patients and visitors are asked to use them frequently.
- You are encouraged to ask our staff if they have washed their hands before providing care to you!

Covering your cough is also an important step in reducing the spread of germs. Follow these steps:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands!
- Put your used tissue in the waste basket.
- You may be asked to put on a surgical mask to protect others.

**LIVE PLANTS AND FLOWERS**
We do not allow live plants or flowers in the Frazier Rehab facility beyond the first floor. Some of our patients have decreased immunity due to their medical conditions. Live plants can introduce disease or bacteria into the environment putting persons with decreased immunity at risk.

**CALL, DON’T FALL!**
The majority of in-hospital injuries occur as a result of a fall. You are at a high risk of injury from a fall if proper safety precautions are not followed. You may think you will not fall, but it can and does happen!

Some common things that increase falls risk are medications, weakness and immobility, being in a new, unfamiliar place, changes in blood pressure when you stand, disregard for safety procedures, etc.

Help us keep you safe!

- ALWAYS use your call light to ask for assistance.
- During the first few days of your stay, the team will assess your risk for falls and implement safety procedures.
- Staff may need to stay with you while you are in the bathroom in order to prevent falls. A majority of patient falls occur in the bathroom.
- Do not attempt to get out of your bed, wheelchair or chair on your own.
- Family members should NOT assist in getting you up. Call for assistance!
- Do not sit up on side of bed for activities – it is very easy to slip off!
- Do not reach for items that are too far away or that have dropped on the floor. It is easy to lose your balance and fall!
- For the safety of our patients and staff, at times it may be necessary to utilize a lift device when transferring/moving a patient.

**USE OF THERAPY GYM**
Patients and their family/visitors should not be in the therapy gym in the evenings or on weekends without approval and direct supervision by a therapist. The gym is for use only during scheduled therapy sessions and pre-approved, staff-supervised activities.

**PERSONAL PETS**
Patients are not allowed to bring personal pets into Frazier Rehab. If necessary, a written order from the attending physician will be obtained for the patient's family to escort the patient outside the facility at an approved location on the campus for visitation with personal pets.
WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HIV / AIDS

What is AIDS?
AIDS is the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome – a serious illness that makes the body unable to fight infection. A person with AIDS is susceptible to certain infections and cancers. When a person with AIDS cannot fight off infections, this person becomes ill. These infections can eventually kill a person with AIDS.

What causes AIDS?
The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) causes AIDS. Early diagnosis of HIV infection is important! If you have been told that you have HIV, you should get prompt medical treatment. In many cases, early treatment can enhance a person’s ability to remain healthy as long as possible. Free or reduced cost anonymous and confidential testing with counseling is available at every local health department in Kentucky. After being infected with HIV, it takes between two weeks to three months before the test can detect antibodies to the virus.

How is the HIV virus spread?
- Sexual contact (oral, anal, or vaginal intercourse) with an infected person when blood, pre-ejaculation fluid, semen, rectal fluids or cervical/vaginal secretions are exchanged.
- Sharing syringes, needles, cotton, cookers and other drug injecting equipment with someone who is infected.
- Receiving contaminated blood or blood products (very unlikely now because blood used in transfusions has been tested for HIV antibodies since March 1985).
- An infected mother passing HIV to her unborn child before or during childbirth, and through breast feeding.
- Receipt of transplant, tissue/organs, or artificial insemination from an infected donor.
- Needle stick or other sharps injury in a health care setting involving an infected person. Infections can sometimes be prevented by taking post-exposure prophylaxis anti-retroviral drugs. Strict adherence to universal precautions is the best way to prevent exposures.

You cannot get HIV through casual contact such as:
- Sharing food, utensils, or plates
- Touching someone who is infected with HIV
- Hugging or shaking hands
- Donating blood or plasma (this has NEVER been a risk for contracting HIV)
- Using public rest rooms or tanning beds
- Being bitten by mosquitoes or other insects

How can I prevent HIV/AIDS?
- Do not share needles or other drug paraphernalia. If you inject drugs, go to a syringe exchange program.
- Do not have sexual intercourse except with a monogamous partner whom you know is not infected and who is not sharing needles. If you choose to have sex with anyone else, use latex condoms (rubbers), female condoms or dental dams, and water based lubricants every time you have sex.
- Educate yourself and others about HIV infection and AIDS.
- Consider using PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) – medication that prevents HIV infection.
Pregnancy and HIV/AIDS

• Mothers can pass HIV infection to their babies during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and by the child ingesting infected breast milk.
• Without treatment, about 25% (1 out of 4) of the babies born to HIV infected women will get HIV.
• Medical treatment for the HIV infected woman during pregnancy, labor, and delivery can reduce the chance of the baby getting HIV from its mother to less than 2% (less than 2 out of 100).
• An HIV infected mother should not breastfeed her newborn baby.

What is unsafe sex?

• Vaginal, anal, or oral sex without using a condom or dental dam
• Sharing sex toys
• Contact with HIV infected blood, pre-ejaculation fluid, semen, rectal fluids or cervical/vaginal secretions

What is “safer” sex?

• Abstinence (not having sex of any kind)
• Sex only with a person who does not have HIV, does not practice unsafe sex, or inject drugs
• Using either a male or female condom or dental dam (for oral sex)

How to use a latex condom:
1. Use a new latex condom every time you have sex.
2. The condom should be rolled onto the erect (hard) penis, pinching ½ inch at the tip of the condom to hold the ejaculation (semen) fluid. Air bubbles should be smoothed out.
3. Use plenty of WATER-BASED lubricants such as K-Y Jelly, including a drop or two inside the condom, before and during intercourse. DO NOT USE oil-based lubricants such as petroleum jelly, mineral oil, vegetable oil, Crisco, or cold cream.
4. After ejaculating, withdraw the penis holding the condom at the base so it will not slip off.
5. Throw away the used condom into a garbage can and wash hands.

REMEMBER: You can’t tell whether or not someone has HIV just by looking at them!

Is treatment available if I already have HIV/AIDS?
After being infected with HIV, it takes between two weeks to three months before antibody tests can detect HIV. Early diagnosis of HIV infection is important! If you have HIV, you should get prompt medical treatment. In many cases, early treatment can enhance a person’s ability to remain healthy as long as possible. Your doctor will help you determine the best treatment.

Getting tested for HIV:
If you have never been tested for HIV, you should be tested at least once. Free anonymous and confidential rapid antibody testing and counseling are available at every health department in Kentucky. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends being tested at least once a year if you do things that can transmit HIV. These include:
• Injecting drugs or steroids with used injection equipment
• Having sex with someone who has HIV or any sexually transmitted disease (STD)
• Having more than one sex partner since your last HIV test
• Having a sex partner who has had other sex partners since your last HIV test
• Having sex for money or drugs (prostitution- male or female)
• Having unprotected sex or sex with someone who has had unprotected sex
• Having sex with injecting drug user(s)
• Having had a blood transfusion between 1978 and 1985
• Pregnant women or women desiring to become pregnant

UofL Health provides quality services to all patients, regardless of HIV status.

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION CALL:
• Kentucky HIV/AIDS Program 502-564-6539
• The National AIDS Hotline 1-800-342-AIDS
• Your local health department’s HIV/AIDS Coordinator
Planning For Discharge

Planning for discharge is an important part of your rehabilitation process and starts as soon as you are admitted. Your case manager will discuss your length of stay, goals and discharge plans with you and your family throughout your stay.

**DISCHARGE CRITERIA**

Each patient’s program is individually designed to meet the unique needs and goals of the patient and family. Criteria for discharge from inpatient rehabilitation may include any of the following:

- Achievement of the patient’s functional inpatient rehabilitation goals
- Absence of progress toward achievement of functional inpatient rehabilitation goals
- Inability or unwillingness to actively participate in an intense rehabilitation program an average of 3 hours a day at least 5 days a week
- Disruptive or non-compliant behavior that interferes with the program or creates an unsafe environment for the patient or others
- Apparent economic hardship for the patient/family

**NON-VOLUNTARY DISCHARGE**

In the event of patient non-compliance with his/her rehabilitation program, or if the patient is found by the treatment team to be disruptive to the program, a nonvoluntary discharge can occur. The patient’s attending physician must be included in the decision for a non-voluntary discharge. In the event of such noncompliance, the patient and his/her family will be made aware that in the future the patient may not be accepted back into Frazier Rehab Institute for care, due to the disruption or non-compliance issues.

**DISCHARGE AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE (AMA)**

A patient with decisional capacity has the right to make decisions regarding his/her medical care, including the decision to leave the hospital prior to the completion of their rehabilitation treatment. The patient’s physician will inform the patient of the risks of leaving the hospital and the patient will be asked to sign a document indicating they have been advised of and are willing to accept the risk associated with leaving against medical advice. In the event of an AMA discharge, the patient and his/her family will be made aware that in the future the patient may not be accepted back into Frazier Rehab Institute for care.

**DISCHARGE DAY: WHAT TO EXPECT**

You will not have scheduled therapy sessions on the day you are discharged. Discharge is usually initiated early in the day with many patients leaving before lunch. Family members are requested to provide transportation at the time you are discharged. Those providing transportation will be instructed to utilize the driveway on the east side of the Frazier Rehab building to access the patient pick up area.

**OUTPATIENT FOLLOW-UP**

When you are discharged from the inpatient setting, you will receive discharge instructions that indicate the physicians with whom you need to follow-up, medications that you will need to take, and referral information related to additional services for which you may have been referred.

Often patients will continue to receive additional therapy in the outpatient setting. While the recommended plan or facility may be chosen due to a specific rehab need or location, Frazier Rehab owns and operates numerous state-of-the-art outpatient facilities throughout Kentuckiana that provide a full continuum of rehab care.
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
Throughout your stay at Frazier Rehab Institute, your therapists will be assessing possible adaptive home equipment that may assist your independence. Examples of home equipment includes wheelchairs, walkers, positioning devices, shower chairs/baths, etc. It is important to know that not all home equipment will be covered by insurance. Our team will recommend equipment, offer information on home equipment vendors, and discuss your insurance benefits with you.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Your case manager will work with you and your family to ensure that you are aware of appropriate community resources. A comprehensive Community Resource Guide is available on the Frazier Rehab website for your reference.

DRIVING AFTER DISCHARGE
Being able to drive is a goal of many individuals because driving often allows an individual to return to an independent lifestyle. However, a physician and/or cognitive/perceptual impairment may affect your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. You should discuss driving after discharge with your rehab physician and therapists before you are discharged and before you begin to drive again.

COMMUNITY FITNESS AND WELLNESS CENTER
Located on the 9th floor of the Frazier Rehab facility, this program features state-of-the-art equipment and professional staff trained to provide specialized activity-based exercise interventions. This program provides access to affordable and effective activity-based exercise in order for them to be “fit for life.”
The Local Area

LODGING
If additional lodging accommodations are needed while you are at Frazier Rehab, there are many different options from which you can choose:

- **Aloft Hotel**
  
  102 W. Main Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-583-1888

- **Holiday Inn Express**
  
  800 W. Market Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-583-2552

- **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott**
  
  100 E. Jefferson Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-569-3553

- **Hampton Inn**
  
  101 E. Jefferson Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-585-2200

- **Residence Inn by Marriott**
  
  333 East Market Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-589-8998

- **Hyatt Regency**
  
  320 West Jefferson Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-581-1234

- **Springhill Suites by Marriott**
  
  132 E. Jefferson Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-569-7373

- **Galt House Hotel**
  
  140 North 4th Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-589-5200

- **Hilton Garden Inn Louisville Downtown**
  
  350 W. Chestnut Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-584-5175

- **Embassy Suites**
  
  501 S. 4th Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-813-3800

- **Ronald McDonald House**
  
  550 South 1st Street  
  Louisville, KY 40202  
  502-581-1416

TRANSPORTATION
Public transportation may be accessed by contacting the following:

- **Transit Authority of River City (TARC)**
  
  502-585-1234  
  www.ridetarc.org  
  Bus service throughout the Louisville metropolitan area

- **Yellow Cab**
  
  502-636-5511  
  www.yellowcablouisville.com

- **Green & Orange Cab of Louisville**
  
  502-635-6400  
  www.uber.com

- **www.lyft.com**
Frazier Rehab Institute Outpatient Locations

KENTUCKY

Frazier Rehab Institute
220 Abraham Flexner Way, Louisville, KY 40202 | 502-560-8389

Frazier Rehab Institute – Spinal Cord Medicine Program
220 Abraham Flexner Way, Louisville, KY 40202 | 502-582-7415

Frazier Rehab Institute – Bullitt County
1905 W. Hebron Lane, Suite 106, Shepherdsville, KY 40165 | 502-955-7705

Frazier Rehab Institute – Jeffersontown
9553 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, KY 40299 | 502-966-4466

Frazier Rehab Institute – Mary & Elizabeth Hospital
4402 Churchman Avenue, Suite 106, Louisville, KY 40215 | 502-363-7800

Frazier Rehab Institute – Medical Center East
3920 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40207 | 502-259-6608

Frazier Rehab Institute – NeuroRehab Program
4912 U. S. 42, Suite 104, Louisville, KY 40222 | 502-429-8640

Frazier Rehab Institute – Newburg
3430 Newburg Road, Suite 111A, Louisville, KY 40218 | 502-451-6886

Frazier Rehab Institute – Northeast
2401 Terra Crossing Blvd., Suite 204, Louisville, KY 40245 | 502-210-4500

Frazier Rehab Institute – Owsley Brown Frazier Sports Medicine
215 Central Avenue, Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40208 | 502-637-9313

Frazier Rehab Institute – Shelbyville Hospital
727 Hospital Drive, Shelbyville, KY 40065 | 502-647-4285

Frazier Rehab Institute – Southwest
6801 Dixie Highway, Suite 129, Louisville, KY 40258 | 502-937-2288

Frazier Rehab Institute – Sports Medicine
201 Abraham Flexner Way, Suite 102, Louisville, KY 40202 | 502-560-8300

Frazier Rehab Institute – Springhurst
4801 Olympia Park Plaza, Suite 1600, Louisville, KY 40241 | 502-426-3353

Frazier Rehab Institute – Stonestreet
9700 Stonestreet Road, Louisville, KY 40272 | 502-995-2415

UofL Hospital – Chestnut Street Outpatient Rehab Center
401 East Chestnut Street, Suite 270, Louisville, KY 40202 | 502-562-3457

SOUTHERN INDIANA

Frazier Rehab Institute – So. Indiana YMCA
4812 Hamburg Pike, Jeffersonville, IN 47131 | 812-282-4257

Scott Memorial Health
1451 N. Gardner Street, Scottsburg, IN 47170 | 812-752-8502

PARTNER LOCATIONS WITH CHI SAINT JOSEPH HEALTH

Flaget Memorial Hospital
4371 New Shepherdsville Road
SCN Building B, Suite 110
Bardstown, KY 40004
502-350-5367

Saint Joseph Mount Sterling
Flemingsburg
101 JB Shannon Drive
Flemingsburg, KY 44041
606-209-0016

Saint Joseph Mount Sterling
Outpatient Rehab
624 N. Maysville Road
Mount Sterling, KY 40353
859-499-4351
An Important Message From Medicare About Your Rights

Frazier Rehabilitation Institute

Patient Name: ___________________________________________ Patient Number: __________________

YOUR RIGHTS AS A HOSPITAL INPATIENT:

• You can receive Medicare covered services. This includes medically necessary hospital services and services you may need after you are discharged, if ordered by your doctor. You have a right to know about these services, who will pay for them, and where you can get them.

• You can be involved in any decisions about your hospital stay.

• You can report any concerns you have about the quality of care you receive to your QIO at:
  • KEPRO Toll-free phone number: 1-888-317-0751
  • TTY 1-855-843-4776

• The QIO is the independent reviewer authorized by Medicare to review the decision to discharge you.

• You can work with the hospital to prepare for your safe discharge and arrange for services you may need after you leave the hospital. When you no longer need inpatient hospital care, your doctor or the hospital staff will inform you of your planned discharge date.

• You can speak with your doctor or other hospital staff if you have concerns about being discharged.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL YOUR HOSPITAL DISCHARGE

• You have the right to an immediate, independent medical review (appeal) of the decision to discharge you from the hospital. If you do this, you will not have to pay for the services you receive during the appeal (except for charges like copays and deductibles).

• If you choose to appeal, the independent reviewer will ask for your opinion. The reviewer also will look at your medical records and/or other relevant information. You do not have to prepare anything in writing, but you have the right to do so if you wish.

• If you choose to appeal, you and the reviewer will each receive a copy of a detailed explanation about why your covered hospital stay should not continue. You will receive this detailed notice only after you request an appeal.

• If the QIO finds that you are not ready to be discharged from the hospital, Medicare will continue to cover your hospital services.

• If the QIO agrees services should no longer be covered after the discharge date, neither Medicare nor your Medicare health plan will pay for your hospital stay after noon of the day after the QIO notifies you of its decision. If you stop services no later than that time, you will avoid financial liability.

• If you do not appeal, you may have to pay for any services you receive after you discharge date.

HOW TO ASK FOR AN APPEAL OF YOUR HOSPITAL DISCHARGE

• You must make your request to the QIO listed above.

• Your request for an appeal should be made as soon as possible, but no later than your planned discharge date and before you leave the hospital.

• The QIO will notify you of its decision as soon as possible, generally no later than 1 day after it receives all necessary information.

• Call the QIO listed above to appeal, or if you have questions.

IF YOU MISS THE DEADLINE TO REQUEST AN APPEAL, YOU MAY HAVE OTHER APPEAL RIGHTS

• If you have Original Medicare: Call the QIO listed above.

• If you belong to a Medicare health plan: Call your plan directly.

For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), or TTY: 1-877-486-2048. CMS does not discriminate in its programs and activities. To request this publication in an alternate format, please call: 1-800-MEDICARE or email: AltFormatRequest@cms.hhs.gov

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL):

PLEASE SIGN BELOW TO INDICATE YOU RECEIVED AND UNDERSTOOD THIS NOTICE.

I have been notified of my rights as a hospital inpatient and that I may appeal my discharge by contacting my QIO.

Signature of Patient or Representative: ___________________________ Date/Time: ________________

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information is 0938-1019. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.
Written Disclosure Statement

Frazier Rehab Institute provides comprehensive inpatient rehabilitative services to patients with functional limitations due to, but not limited to, stroke, amputation, fractures, multiple trauma, neurological and other orthopedic conditions. Frazier Rehab Institute provides 24-hour a day rehab nursing, medical services, physical therapy, occupational therapy and case management support to all inpatient acute admissions (IRF) for the duration of your length of stay. Other services that are available depending upon patient needs include: Speech therapy, lab, radiology, medical specialists, spiritual care, pharmacy, psychology, dietician and therapeutic recreation.

Initial Services recommended (upon admission) to Frazier Rehab are:

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Psychology Services
- Rehab Nursing
- Case Management

Initial Length of Stay will be dependent upon your initial evaluation and the plan of care that is developed with you and your treatment team. At the time of admission, your estimated length of stay is approximately ________ days. Please be advised that this is only an estimate at this time based on the pre-admission assessment.

Therapy services are available 7 days a week, with a minimum of 3 hours per day, at least 5 days per week. Your treatment team will individualize the intensity of the services you need during your initial evaluation.

Insurance Information Provided by:

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The information provided is true to the best of our knowledge. We encourage you to re-verify this information, as we cannot be responsible for information provided by the insurer.

Insurance Coverage for Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation:

Your insurance plan has made the following initial determination:

- Initial Coverage for ________ days.
- Concurrent Review due after the initial covered days (done by the case manager).
- No Pre or Re-Certification required.
- Other: ____________________________
- Services not covered (possible out-of-pocket expenses): ____________________________

Coverage is based on the premise that you are able to fully participate in the rehabilitation program and show significant progress. If the rehabilitation program is unable to meet your needs, the case manager will work with you in accessing alternative resources to address your ongoing needs.

Your case manager will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding scope of services, intensity of services, insurance reimbursement of funding sources, and make appropriate referrals as needed. Case Management services are available Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. There is no charge for Case Management services. We encourage you to ask questions and we will attempt to address your needs. A financial advocate is also on site and able to assist with questions about your insurance.

I have reviewed the above information and understand its content.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Relationship to Patient: Self Other ____________________________

Witness: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Consent For Treatment

Frazier Rehabilitation Institute, hereinafter will be referred to as “the Hospital.” Any and all Physicians/Healthcare workers providing care and treatment, including consultation, during the course of my admission to the Hospital are hereinafter referred to as “the Physicians.” By signing this consent form, I consent to each of the following:

TREATMENT
I have a condition requiring examination, diagnosis and treatment. I consent to and authorize such care including but not limited to: X-ray, laboratory, routine diagnostic tests and therapeutic procedures (“Services”) performed by my admitting and treating Physician(s), which may or may not be employed by the Hospital and may include their assistants or designees. I acknowledge that NOT ALL Health Care Providers including, but not limited to, Physicians, Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Practitioners, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists, Residents & Students, are employees or agents of the Hospital. Such individuals are INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS who bill separately for their Services. I understand that the Hospital is not responsible for nor does it assume any liability for the acts or omissions of any independent contractor(s).

I acknowledge there may be supervised participation of health care students (medical students, nursing students, interns, residents and non–Physician clinical students).

I understand that my treatment may involve risks and that there are no guarantees concerning the outcome or results of this treatment and/or examination. I further understand that I have the right to make decisions concerning my health care, including the right to refuse medical and surgical procedures/treatment.

TESTING FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES
I understand that as part of my medical treatment, procedures or testing, I may be tested for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (“HIV”), Hepatitis, or any other blood borne infectious disease if a doctor or advanced practice registered nurse orders the test for diagnostic purposes.

I also understand that, in the case of exposure to a health care provider or first responder (such as an emergency worker, fire fighter or police officer) to my bodily fluids, although I will be informed of the right to consent to testing for HIV or other infectious diseases transmitted by bodily fluids, in most cases, tests may be performed on previously gathered bodily fluid samples or a court order may be obtained to compel such testing. Information concerning the fact that a test was ordered and the results of such test will remain confidential and be disclosed by the Hospital only as permitted by law.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
I agree, whether I sign as the Patient, Legal Representative, or Guarantor for the Patient, that I obligate myself and/or the Patient to pay the account(s) of Hospital in accordance with the established rates and payment policy of the Hospital. I also understand that patient/guarantor payments can be applied to any account where payment is due to include any credit balance resulting from benefit payments or other sources.

I understand that if my Insurer denies all or any part of Hospital’s charges for any reason, or if I have no insurance, I will be personally and fully responsible for payment of Hospital’s charges. I am aware that I must notify the Business Office and submit the completed application form if I believe I may qualify for financial assistance.

I/My Designated Health Care Representative authorizes billing by and direct payment to the Hospital or to the Physicians providing Services at the Hospital. I understand they will bill my insurance directly for their Services, at a rate not to exceed the Hospital’s or Physician’s regular charges.

AUTHORIZATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO APPEAL, ERISA
Insurance includes, but is not limited to, my medical health insurance policy/policies, including my employee health benefit plan, accident, worker’s compensation benefits, motor vehicle insurance, casualty insurance, and uninsured or underinsured insurance. It is understood by the undersigned that he/she is financially responsible for all charges.

I understand that Medicare and other payers do not pay the difference in the cost between a private and semi–private room when use of a private room is not necessary for medical reasons. I hereby agree that the difference in the cost between a semi–private and private room will be my responsibility to pay if I request one at any point during my stay.

With respect to healthcare expenses incurred as a result of the services I received for this Hospitalization, I hereby authorize and convey to Hospital the full extent permissible under Federal and State law and under any applicable insurance policy and/or employee health care benefit plan: (1) the right and ability to act as my Authorized Representative in connection with any claim, right, matter, or cause of action that I may have under such insurance policy and/or benefit plan; and (2) the right and ability to act as my Authorized Representative to pursue such claim, right, matter, or cause of action in connection with said insurance policy and/or benefit plan, including the right and ability to act as my Authorized Representative with respect to a benefit plan governed by the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (“ERISA”).

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I also authorize Hospital to act on my behalf to (1) obtain copies of my insurance policy or benefit plan documents from my insurer(s) or other Plan Administrator; (2) pursue appeals of adverse benefits decisions, claims for breaches of fiduciary duty under ERISA, external appeal review under Federal or State statute, administrative hearings, or legal actions to obtain payment from any payor; (3) disclose my protected health information to my insurer(s), its affiliates, any plan fiduciary, or independent review organization that may be involved in the resolution of claims, in connection with filing or appealing any claim for benefits due; and (4) receive any notices in connection with my benefit claims or appeals concerning same.

If my admission to the Hospital is a result of a work−related injury, I hereby waive any privilege I may have with the Hospital, or other healthcare provider, and I hereby authorize these providers to provide the worker’s compensation administrator any information, including, but not limited to, the right to inspect and copy all of my medical records related to my injury or to my past relevant medical history. In the event there is a dispute about the compensability of my claim or worker’s compensation benefits, and if my employer is not specifically determined by a Court of the Department of Labor to be responsible for worker’s compensation medical expenses for the condition or injury that is the basis of my admission, I agree to be personally responsible for all such expenses. I further agree that, if my worker’s compensation claim is settled with my employer on a disputed basis without a specific finding that such is compensable as a worker’s compensation injury, I (or my attorney, if I am represented) will withhold sufficient funds from any settlement to pay all amounts owed to the Hospital for treatment of the condition which is the basis for this admission, and I hereby grant an assignment to the Hospital for payment of all such expenses under such circumstances.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AND VALUABLES
I understand that the Hospital does not accept responsibility and will not reimburse me for the loss of money, jewelry, eyewear, hearing aids, dentures, clothing or other personal property or valuables I bring to the Hospital. I take full responsibility for such items and agree to release the Hospital from any and all liability from damage, loss or theft of such items unless, as applicable, the items are deposited in the Hospital safe for safekeeping. I also understand that I must inform a nurse if I bring any electrical equipment to the Hospital (e.g., home insulin pumps; BiPAP machine, CPAP machine) and adhere to Hospital policies regarding the items are deposited in the Hospital safe for safekeeping. I also understand that I must inform a nurse if I bring any electrical equipment to the Hospital (e.g., home insulin pumps; BiPAP machine, CPAP machine) and adhere to Hospital policies regarding the items are deposited in the Hospital safe for safekeeping.

COMMUNICATIONS
By providing my cell, landline, or any other phone number(s), I expressly consent to receiving communications from Hospital, its staff, its contractors, collection agents, and others, at any numbers I provide or that are later acquired for me. These parties may use this information to contact me by live agent, voice mail, text message, using an auto dialer or other computer assisted technology, pre−recordedmessage(s), or by any other form of electronic communication for any purpose including, but not limited to, appointment and follow−up health care reminders, scheduling, my account(s), assignment of benefits, and/or financial responsibility. I understand that depending on my phone plan I could be charged for these calls or text messages. I agree to provide new number(s) if my number(s) change(s). Providing these numbers is not a condition of receiving healthcare services.

PHARMACY HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE
I understand UofL Health utilizes SureScripts or other electronic prescribing technology. SureScripts operates the Pharmacy Health Information Exchange, which facilitates the electronic transmission of prescription information between providers and pharmacists. The Pharmacy Health Information Exchange, also provides prescription data on any medication that has been prescribed to you.

SIGNATURE
I received a copy of the Patient Rights Packet, which includes all of the following:

- Patient Rights & Responsibilities
- Advance directive Information
- Patient information regarding typical non−covered Services
- Information from Medicare/Insurer
- Patient Grievance Process
- Notice of Privacy Practices

My signature below indicates that I have read fully and understand this document or have had it read to me, and that I (as the Patient or the Patient’s Legal Representative, or Guarantor) hereby accept and agree to the terms of these Conditions on Admission. I have had the opportunity for my questions to be answered.

Date

Time

Signature of Patient, Legal Representative or Legal Guarantor

If other than Patient, Relationship of Signatory to Patient

Print Name of Signatory above

Reason, if other than Patient (Incompetent, Minor, etc.)

Witness Signature

Interpreter Name/Number (if applicable)

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES: I declined the Hospital’s Notice of Privacy Practices and have indicated so by signing here.

Date

Time

Signature of Patient, Legal Representative or Legal Guarantor

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Your Rights

When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights.
This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.

Get an electronic or paper copy of your medical record
- You can ask to see or get an electronic or paper copy of your medical record and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to do this.
- We will provide a copy or a summary of your health information, usually within 30 days of your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee.

Ask us to correct your medical record
- You can ask us to correct health information about you that you think is incorrect or incomplete. Ask us how to do this.
- We may say “no” to your request, but we’ll tell you why in writing within 60 days.

Request confidential communications
- You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address.
- We will say “yes” to all reasonable requests.

Ask us to limit what we use or share
- You can ask us not to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations.
  • We are not required to agree to your request, and we may say “no” if it would affect your care.
  • If you pay for a service or health care item out-of-pocket in full, you can ask us not to share that information for the purpose of payment or our operations with your health insurer.
  • We will say “yes” unless a law requires us to share that information.

Get a list of those with whom we’ve shared information
- You can ask for a list (accounting) of the times we’ve shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why.
- We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We’ll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.

Get a copy of this privacy notice
- You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.
Your Rights

Choose someone to act for you
- If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information.
- We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action.

File a complaint if you feel your rights are violated
- You can complain if you feel we have violated your rights by contacting the Privacy Officer at 502-588-2300.
- You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, calling 1-877-696-6775, or visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/.
- UofL Health is committed to patient satisfaction and good customer relations. If you have a complaint or grievance that is not privacy related, you may contact our Customer Service Representative in patient relations associated with the facility where you were a patient.
- We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

Your Choices

For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share.
If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will follow your instructions.

In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to:
- Share information with your family, close friends, or others involved in your care
- Share information in a disaster relief situation
- Include your information in a hospital directory
- Contact you for fundraising efforts

If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

In these cases, we never share your information unless you give us written permission:
- Marketing purposes
- Sale of your information
- Most sharing of psychotherapy notes

In the case of fundraising:
- We may contact you for fundraising efforts, but you can tell us not to contact you again. Contact the Privacy Officer to make this request.

Our Uses and Disclosures

How do we typically use or share your health information?
We typically use or share your health information in the following ways.

Treat you
- We can use your health information and share it with other professionals who are treating you.
- Example: A doctor treating you for an injury asks another doctor about your overall health condition.

Run our organization
- We can use and share your health information to run our facility operations, improve your care, and contact you when necessary.
- Example: We use health information about you to manage your treatment and services. We share information with the Joint Commission for accreditation purposes.
Bill for your services

- We can use and share your health information to bill and get payment from health plans or other entities.

Example: We give information about you to your health insurance plan so it will pay for your services.

How else can we use or share your health information?
We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways – usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information see: [www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html).

Help with public health and safety issues

- We can share health information about you for certain situations such as:
  - Preventing disease
  - Helping with product recalls
  - Reporting adverse reactions to medications
  - Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence
  - Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety
  - Participation in health information exchanges, disease and immunization registries

Do research

- We can use or share your information for health research.

Comply with the law

- We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we’re complying with federal privacy law.
- We will share information about you to military command authorities and for the protection of national security activities.
- We will share information about you to protect the President and other heads of state.

Respond to organ and tissue donation requests

- We can share health information about you with organ procurement organizations.

Work with a medical examiner or funeral director

- We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual dies.

Address workers’ compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests

- We can use or share health information about you:
  - For workers’ compensation claims
  - For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official
  - With health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law
  - For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services

Respond to lawsuits and legal actions

- We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.

Law Enforcement

- We can use or share health information about you:
  - To identify or locate a suspect, fugitive or missing person
  - To provide information about a suspected death or victim of crime
  - To provide information about a crime that may have occurred at our facility
  - We will share information about you to a correctional facility when necessary to protect your health and safety, the safety of others and for the security of the correctional facility.
Our Responsibilities

- We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.
- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.

For more information contact the Privacy Officer or go to:
www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html

To report a complaint or grievance regarding the care you received, you may contact the Customer Service Representative at the facility where you were a patient. The Customer Service Representative will document your concerns and an investigation will take place.

Changes to the Terms of This Notice
We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The new notice will be available upon request, in our office, and on our web site.

Effective Date: November 1, 2019

This Notice of Privacy Practices applies to the following organizations:
All UofL Health facilities

UofL Health
530 South Jackson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Privacy Officer contact: 502-588-2300
Advance Directives / Living Wills / Health Care Surrogates

We strive to provide an atmosphere of respect and caring, to ensure that each patient’s ability and right to participate in decision making is maximized and not compromised. Our organization will comply with the Patient Self-Determination Act (PSDA) in such a manner to expand patient, personnel and community knowledge base regarding directives and the process by which patient participation is medical decision-making is carried out at this facility.

There are three common types of Advance Directives: a Living Will Directive, a Health Care Surrogate Designation, and a Durable Power of Attorney. These directives become effective when or if an individual loses the capacity to make their own health care decisions.

1. In a Living Will Directive, an individual can choose the medical treatment he/she wishes to receive when his/her condition is terminal. A terminal condition is one that is incurable and irreversible and will result in death within a relatively short time and where treatment would serve only to artificially prolong the dying process. The existence of a terminal condition can be determined solely by the patient’s attending physician and one other physician.

2. Any competent person who is 18 years of age or older may designate one or more adults as his/her surrogate. A Health Care Surrogate is someone who can act on behalf of an individual to make health care decisions. When designated, the surrogate can make these types of decisions in accordance with accepted medical practice and following the wishes of the patient.

3. A Durable Power of Attorney is another way to designate a person to act as Health Care Surrogate. It also offers an individual a way of naming someone to make financial decisions. A Durable Power of Attorney should be drafted by an attorney.

The Kentucky Living Will Directive Act (KRS Chapter 311) became law during the 1994 legislative session and reads in part:

1. Living Will Directive made in Kentucky will be in written format.

2. An advance directive may be made by any competent person 18 years of age or older, with the following exception:
   a. Life-prolonging treatment may not be withheld or withdrawn from a pregnant patient. If a woman is known to be pregnant, any advance directive is not in force for the duration of the pregnancy. Any female of child-bearing age shall be tested to determine whether she is pregnant (unless pregnancy is already confirmed) before the advance directive can be honored.

3. An advance directive must be signed by the patient and by two (2) witnesses or signed and witnessed by a Notary Public. While a hospital employee is forbidden to serve as a witness, the statute does not prohibit a hospital employee who is a Notary Public from serving as the Notary.

4. The following persons may not serve as witnesses:
   a. Any blood relative of the patient;
   b. Any person who is a beneficiary of the patient under descent and distribution statutes of the Commonwealth;
   c. An employee of a health care facility in which the declarant is a patient;
   d. An attending physician of the patient; or
   e. Any person directly financially responsible for the patient’s health care.

5. An advance directive is presumed to be valid unless the hospital or attending physician has actual knowledge to the contrary. Concerns regarding validity of an advance directive or an out of state advance directive should be reported to an administrator.

6. All patients will be given information about Patient Rights and Advance Directives upon request. If a patient does not have an advance directive and wants to initiate one, Chaplaincy Services or the Case Management Department should be notified.

7. An advance directive can be revoked orally, in writing or by an act evidencing intent to revoke (for example, cutting, tearing, etc.)
8. Except in very limited situations, we are obliged by law to honor a valid advance directive. Some facilities provide services in a location where a physician may not be available to complete a physical assessment of the patient should a medical event occur (for example, an outpatient rehabilitation clinic). In that type of location, a patient’s advance directive may not be honored because 911 is called to respond to the medical emergency and life saving measures will be initiated. You should be notified if an advance directive cannot or will not be honored in the location where you are receiving treatment or service. If based on the policy of that facility, you wish to seek treatment by a different provider, please ask to speak to the supervisor so that we may assist you in accessing service elsewhere.
Emergency Preparedness For People With Disabilities

Guide and Checklist

Natural disasters and other public emergencies can leave people stranded for days, cause breaks in communication networks, and make streets and walkways impassable. What will you do to ensure your safety during those critical first days of an emergency in your community? Presented here are guidelines for preparing for emergency situations and a checklist for building an emergency kit.

CREATE AND PRACTICE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN

Create an emergency plan for each place where you ordinarily spend your time, and practice your plan. The National Organization on Disability (NOD) recommends having an emergency plan for home, work, and school. Each plan should include the following:

- Personal network — For each location identify 2 or 3 people who will make sure you are OK and will help you during an emergency. Make sure you have their contact information (in your mobile device, laptop computer, or on paper) and that they have yours.
- Escape — For each location identify primary and secondary routes to a safe place inside your building (bathroom, basement, stairwell, etc.) and outside your building (public shelter, grocery store parking lot, etc.). Practice your escape plans with your personal network.

RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES—KNOW THE SIGNS OF STRESS

Public emergencies and disasters are stressful. Homes and other property may be damaged. People may be hurt or in danger. Environmental conditions may make normal activities like eating, sleeping, breathing, and thinking more difficult. Medical conditions you have could become worse under these conditions. Recognizing the symptoms of stress in yourself and others around you helps manage stress and its negative effects. The list below gives examples of each type of stress you may feel. These are natural responses to emergency situations.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

American Red Cross “Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities”
http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/disabilities

American Red Cross “Be Red Cross Ready” - multiple languages
http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library

National Organization on Disabilities, “Disaster Readiness Tips for People with Disabilities”
http://nod.org/research_publications/emergency_preparedness_materials/for_people_with_disabilities/

SIGNS OF STRESS

Psychological or emotional
- Anxiety, irritability, anger, regret, guilt
- Depression, moodiness, crying
- Jumpiness, flashbacks to bad memories
- Uneasy sleeping or excessive sleeping

Thinking
- Difficulty concentrating or remembering
- Mental confusion, inability to set priorities
- Inability to express yourself clearly
- Inability to make decisions

Physical
- Headaches, weakness, tiredness
- Upset stomach and digestive problems
- Muscle soreness or numbness
- Difficulty catching your breath
The National Organization on Disability recommends preparing 2 emergency kits:
- **Ready kit** — supplies needed for a minimum of 3 days
- **Go bag** — your most essential items to take with you if you must leave immediately

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<td>Medical equipment and supplies, and assistive devices — glasses, hearing aids, catheters, augmentative communication devices, cane, walker. Label each with your name and contact information. Be sure to have chargers and extra batteries</td>
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ClinicalTrials.gov contains information about medical studies in human volunteers. Most of the records on ClinicalTrials.gov describe clinical trials (also called interventional studies). A clinical trial is a research study in which human volunteers are assigned to interventions (for example, a medical product, behavior, or procedure) based on a protocol (or plan) and are then evaluated for effects on biomedical or health outcomes. ClinicalTrials.gov also contains records describing observational studies and programs providing access to investigational drugs outside of clinical trials (expanded access). Studies listed in the database are conducted in all 50 States and in 210 countries. ClinicalTrials.gov does not contain information about all the clinical studies conducted in the United States because not all studies are required by law to be registered (for example, observational studies and trials that do not study a drug, biologic, or device). See FDAAA 801 and the Final Rule for more information. However, the rate of study registration has increased over time as more policies and laws requiring registration have been enacted and as more sponsors and investigators have voluntarily registered their studies.

ClinicalTrials.gov was created as a result of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (FDAMA). FDAMA required the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through NIH, to establish a registry of clinical trials information for both federally and privately funded trials conducted under investigational new drug applications to test the effectiveness of experimental drugs for serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions. NIH and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) worked together to develop the site, which was made available to the public in February 2000.

The ClinicalTrials.gov registration requirements were expanded after Congress passed the FDA Amendments Act of 2007 (FDAAA). Section 801 of FDAAA (FDAAA 801) requires more types of trials to be registered and additional trial registration information to be submitted. The law also requires the submission of results for certain trials. This led to the development of the ClinicalTrials.gov results database, which contains summary information on study participants and study outcomes, including adverse events. The results database was made available to the public in September 2008. FDAAA 801 also established penalties for failing to register or submit the results of trials.
Employment and the ADA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) covers all aspects of employment including hiring and firing, raises, promotions, job training, insurance and other benefits.

★ Employers are not required to hire a person with a disability nor does the ADA set hiring quotes for employers. The ADA does prevent employers from discriminating against a job applicant based on the applicant’s disability.

★ Employers are not allowed to include questions about a disability on a job application or in a job interview. Employers are allowed to ask about the ability to perform the essential functions of the job with or without reasonable accommodation. Employers are not allowed to withdraw a job offer because an applicant needs reasonable accommodation.

★ Employers are required to provide appropriate accommodations when an employee declares a disability. Employees can declare a disability at anytime.

★ Employees who ask for reasonable accommodations must be involved in making the decision about the most appropriate solution. Employers make the final decision about reasonable accommodation.

★ Employers who say reasonable accommodation cannot be made because it would cause undue hardship must offer proof of the potential hardship. If an applicant or employee does not agree, a complaint may be filed.

★ Employers can use drug testing to ensure that individuals who illegally used drugs in the past are not currently using illegal drugs.

★ Employees who are currently using a drug illegally, even if the drug has legal uses, are not covered by the ADA.

★ Employees who have completed or currently are participating in a supervised rehabilitation program or who have been accused wrongly of using drugs illegally are covered by the ADA.

★ Employers who provide accommodations may receive a federal tax credit and/or a federal tax deduction.

Discrimination complaints may be filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or with the Human Rights Commission (see below). Employers also may contact these agencies for more ADA information.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
600 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Place
Suite 268
Louisville, KY 40202
Phone (502) 582-6082
TDD: (502) 582-6285

Kentucky Human Rights Commission
332 West Broadway
Louisville, Ky. 40222
Phone: (502) 595-4801
Toll free: 1-800-292-5566
TDD: (502) 595-4084
State and Local Governments and the ADA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination in all services, programs and activities provided by state and local government agencies. This includes activities carried out by anyone who has contracts with state and local governments.

★ Government agencies are required to make reasonable accommodations at a program, service or activity when requested by an individual with a disability unless the agency can prove that providing reasonable accommodation would change the basic nature of these events.

★ Individuals with disabilities are not required to accept an accommodation. Whenever possible, a program should be provided in a setting that includes persons with and without disabilities.

★ Government agencies must provide free auxiliary aids or services for people with disabilities at meetings and programs.

★ Government agencies are not responsible for providing personal devices (such as wheelchairs), individually prescribed devices (such as eyeglasses), or services of a personal nature (assistance in eating or dressing) for individuals with disabilities.

★ Government agencies cannot deny equal services, programs or activities to someone based on that person’s relationship to or association with an individual with a disability.

★ Government agencies may provide a program specifically designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities, but an individual with a disability has the right to choose to participate in a program (if the individual is qualified to participate) that is open to the general public.

★ Public school systems’ services, programs and activities, including those available to parents and the general public, must comply with the ADA. This includes but is not limited to school plays, parent/teacher conferences, graduation and sports events.

For additional information contact:
U.S. Department of Justice • Civil Rights Division • Disability Rights Section - NYAV • 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW • Washington, D.C. 20530
Toll-free: 1-800-514-0301 • TDD: 1-800-514-0383
Public Access/Accommodation and the ADA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that access and/or accommodations in facilities, services, policies and programs be made for people with disabilities.

★ When there is new construction of a public facility or changes are made to an existing public facility, these facilities, referred to as public accommodations, must be made accessible (e.g. a wheelchair ramp) to people with disabilities. Public accommodations that fall under the ADA include:

◆ Lodging (inns, hotels, motels)
◆ Establishments serving food or drink (restaurants, bars)
◆ Places of exhibition or entertainment (theaters, motion picture houses, concert halls, stadiums)
◆ Places of public gathering (auditoriums, convention centers, lecture halls)
◆ Sales or rental businesses (bakeries, grocery stores, hardware stores, shopping centers)
◆ Service establishments (laundromats, dry cleaners, banks, barber shops, beauty shops, funeral parlors, gas stations, accountant, lawyer, pharmacies, insurance offices, professional offices of health care providers, hospitals)

◆ Public transportation terminals, depots or stations (not including air transportation)
◆ Places of public display or collection (museums, libraries, galleries)
◆ Recreational facilities (zoos, nature and amusement parks, bowling alleys, golf courses)
◆ Places of education (nursery schools, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or postgraduate private schools)
◆ Social service center establishments (day care centers, senior citizen centers, homeless shelters, food banks, adoption agencies)
◆ Health and exercise businesses (gyms, health spas)
◆ Office buildings

★ Businesses can set safety standards, but those standards cannot be based on prejudice or stereotypes.

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Businesses whose policies screen out or tend to screen out individuals with disabilities may be used only if it is necessary for the service to be provided. Example: A store cannot require a driver's license from a person with a disability who cannot drive as the only acceptable form of identification for cashing a check.

Businesses are not required to make changes that would alter the basic nature of a service being provided. Example: A doctor who treats only burn patients would not be discriminating against a patient who is deaf if she referred that patient to another doctor for treatment of a broken leg.

Businesses are required to provide some type of auxiliary aid or service for individuals with hearing or vision impairments when these aids or services are needed for communication. Aids and services may include qualified interpreters, assistive listening devices or brailled or large print materials.

Businesses that cannot supply the aforementioned aids or services, are required to provide an alternate form of assistance. Examples: If a restaurant does not have brailled menus, a waiter may read a menu to a person who is blind; a store clerk could communicate with a person who is deaf by writing on paper.

Businesses must remove barriers to access of existing facilities if it does not cause undue hardship or expense. Examples: A department store could accommodate people in wheelchairs by installing ramps, lowering the elevation of telephones and widening aisles.

Businesses that cannot easily remove a barrier, must take other steps to ensure that people with disabilities have access. Examples: A grocery might provide an employee who can retrieve items from tall shelves or provide home delivery without additional charge if the store is not easily made accessible.

Businesses that require tests or courses related to applications, licenses, and certifications must provide a place for people with disabilities to take the tests or courses. Businesses must also offer tests or courses to people with disabilities that accommodates their particular disability. Auxiliary aids such as taped exams, answer sheets with large print or interpreters must be provided for individuals with disabilities who request them.

Businesses can refuse service to a person with a disability if that individual poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others in such a way that the business cannot remove the threat. In this case, businesses can also prohibit the person with the disability from entering the building or remove him from the establishment.

Businesses may not refuse to serve an individual with a disability because of limits on coverage or rates in its insurance policies. Exclusion of individuals with disabilities must be based on legitimate safety concerns rather than on the terms of the insurance contract.

Businesses may provide insurance plans that limit certain kinds of coverage. However, this must be based on classification of risk and not because of a person's disability.

In matters of alleged discrimination against a person with a disability, individuals can file complaints with the U.S. Department of Justice (see front of sheet for contact information) or file a lawsuit against the owner of a business or public facility.
Communications and the ADA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that communications for people with disabilities must be effective and that requested auxiliary aids and services must be made available to facilitate communications.

★ For individuals with hearing loss, auxiliary aids and services may be needed for communication. These include qualified interpreters; assistive listening systems and devices; telephones compatible with hearing aids; open and closed captions; and telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDDs).

★ For individuals with visual impairments, auxiliary aids and services may be needed for communication. These include qualified readers; taped texts; audio recordings; brailled materials; large print materials; and assistance in locating items.

★ For individuals with speech impairments, auxiliary aids and services may be needed for communication. These include TDDs; computer terminals; speech synthesizers; and communication boards.

★ If an individual with a disability requests a specific auxiliary aid or service, the aid or service must be provided unless another method or alteration of a service would adequately meet the individual’s needs.

★ Interpreters and other auxiliary aids must be provided free of charge.

★ Businesses may require a reasonable, refundable deposit for the use of portable TDDs, decoders or assistive listening devices to ensure return of equipment. A fee may not be charged for the use of the equipment.

★ Businesses must make their telephone services accessible to individuals with hearing loss. [In most cases, the Kentucky Relay Service will permit persons who are deaf to call businesses and public facilities. The service (1-800-648-6056, TDD, or 1-800-648-6057, voice) provides specially trained communication assistants who relay messages between individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired and persons who can hear.]

(More information on back.)

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Toll-free: 1-800-514-0381 ♦ TDD: 1-800-514-0383

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Businesses that use recorded messages to direct calls should offer another method for incoming calls. This may include a separate line for TDDs or relay service calls.

A relay service may be used to call customers and clients who are deaf. But businesses must provide TDDs upon request when a person who is deaf or hearing impaired needs to make a phone call. Example: Hospitals and hotels that provide telephones in their rooms must have TDDs available for guests and patients who are deaf. Hotels should also have a TDD at the front desk to take calls from guests who use TDDs in their rooms.

Police and fire departments and ambulance services are required to have TDDs.
Transportation and the ADA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that certain public and private modes of transportation must offer access to people with disabilities.

★ Privately owned inter-city buses ordered on or after July 26, 1996, must be accessible.

★ All new public buses ordered on or after August 26, 1990, must be accessible. In addition, paratransit services must be provided to persons with disabilities who are unable to ride regular buses even when they are accessible.

★ Charter bus services must have some accessible buses, but not all buses have to be accessible.

★ Taxi services cannot discriminate against a person with a disability. Example: A taxi driver cannot refuse to pick up someone who uses a wheelchair because the driver does not want to lift the wheelchair into the trunk or put it in the back seat.

★ Hotels or other places of lodging do not need to make all of their shuttles accessible if the hotel is addressing access for people with disabilities in another way.

★ All new rail vehicles ordered on or after August 26, 1990, must be accessible. Rail systems in existence before July 26, 1995, must have one accessible car per train; all rail cars in a system built after that date must be accessible.

★ Insurance companies cannot deny automobile insurance to a person with a disability if that disability does not pose risks while driving.

★ Insurance companies cannot impose requirements on a person with a disability that are not imposed on a person without a disability.

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Quit Smoking Resources

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES
• Tips From Former Smokers
  CDC campaign website lets you view ads, learn more about the people featured and their health conditions, and access quit smoking resources.
• 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)
  Free, phone based service with educational materials, coaches, a quit plan, and referrals to local resources to help you quit tobacco use.
• 1-855-DÉJELO-YA (1-855-335-3569)
  Free, phone-based service to help Spanish speaking persons quit tobacco use.
• BeTobaccoFree.hhs.gov
  HHS website provides one-stop access to tobacco-related information, including information on quitting tobacco use, from its various agencies.
• smokefree.gov
  Free information and assistance to help you quit smoking and stay tobacco-free; including mobile texting to provide encouragement, advice, and tips to help young adults and smart phone apps to track progress.
  - smokefree.gov (en Espanol)
    Spanish-language website that provides free, accurate information and assistance to help you quit smoking and stay tobacco-free.
  - Women.smokefree.gov
    Free, accurate information and assistance to help women quit smoking and stay tobacco-free.
  - Teen.smokefree.gov
    A Web site that provides free, accurate information and assistance to help teens quit smoking and stay tobacco-free.
• Ycq2.org
  Department of Defense sponsored website for military personnel and their families.
• ahrq.gov
  Easy-to-read guide to quitting tobacco use.
• Fda.gov
  Identifies FDA-approved products that can help you quit smoking.
• Cancer.gov
  Fact sheet that summarizes the harmful effects of smoking and short- and long-term benefits of quitting.

OTHER RESOURCES
• American Cancer Society offers a guide to quitting smoking
• American Heart Association provides information and support to help you quit smoking.
• American Lung Association provides resources to help smokers figure out their reasons for quitting and then take the big step of quitting for good.

QUIT TIPS
Are you one of the more than 70% of smokers who want to quit? Try following this advice:
• Don’t smoke any cigarettes. Each cigarette you smoke damages your lungs, your blood vessels, and cells throughout your body. Even occasional smoking is harmful.
• Write down why you want to quit. Do you want to:
  - Be around for your loved ones?
  - Have better health?
  - Set a good example for your children?
  - Protect your family from breathing other people’s smoke?
• **Really wanting to quit smoking is very important to how much success you will have in quitting.** Know that it takes commitment and effort to quit smoking. Nearly all smokers have some feelings of nicotine withdrawal when they try to quit. Nicotine is addictive. Knowing this will help you deal with withdrawal symptoms that can occur, such as bad moods and really wanting to smoke.

There are many ways smokers quit, including using nicotine replacement products (gum and patches) or FDA-approved, non-nicotine cessation medications. Some people do not experience any withdrawal symptoms. For most people, symptoms only last a few days to a couple of weeks. Take quitting one day at a time, even one minute at a time—whatever you need to succeed.

• **Get help if you want it.** Smokers can receive free resources and assistance to help them quit by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or by visiting CDC’s Tips from Former Smokers. Your health care providers are also a good source for help and support.

Concerned about weight gain? It’s a common concern, but not everyone gains weight when they stop smoking. Learn ways to help you control your weight as you quit smoking.

• **Remember this good news! More than half of all adult smokers have quit, and you can too.** Millions of people have learned to face life without a cigarette. Quitting smoking is the single most important step you can take to protect your health and the health of your family.