

CONSENT & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

GENERAL CONSENT TO CARE

I am presenting myself as a patient of Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital. I voluntarily consent to such health care as may be validly ordered or recommended by any authorized physician or other medical professional. This care may include laboratory tests, x-rays and other diagnostic procedures and medical treatment. I acknowledge that GCFH&H cannot guarantee the effect of such examination or treatment.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I consent to the release from my medical records by my insurance carrier or medical professional responsible for my care of such information as may be necessary. This may include electronic access to my medication history information which may include insurance benefits, eligibility and formulary information, prescribing provider and pharmacy, medication history, as well as prescription refill and renewal information. I also consent to GCFH&H's use and disclosure of such information necessary to carry out treatment, receive payment, or carry out health care operations as described in the GCFH&H Joint Notice of Health Information Practices. I acknowledge I was offered the Joint Notice of Health Information Practices.

AVAILABILITY OF PHYSICIANS OF MEDICINE OR OSTEOPATHY

GCFH&H may not have a physician of medicine or osteopathy in the facility at all times. There is always a physician on-call 24/7, but not on premises at all times. At certain times there may be an advanced practice professional, such as a physician assistant or nurse practitioner, in the facility to render medical care. Advanced practice professionals who provide hospital care always have access to an on-call physician. A physician is always available to come into the hospital if needed to render care.

TELEMEDICINE HEALTH SERVICE (if applicable)

Telemedicine is the use of live interactive audio and video to enable a healthcare provider at a different location from you to provide healthcare services to you, such as diagnosis, treatment, and/or consultation services. As this type of visit with a provider may be different than healthcare services you are familiar with, it is important that you understand the following:

1. The Dartmouth-Hitchcock telemedicine provider will be at a different location from you. A physician, nurse, or other trained individual may be present in the room with you to assist in or observe the telemedicine service.
2. Non-medical technical personnel may be present in the area where telemedicine is being performed.
3. The Dartmouth-Hitchcock telemedicine provider will need access to all relevant health care information available to inform your care and treatment. Your health information, including details of your medical history, examinations, x-rays and tests, may be shared with the Dartmouth-Hitchcock telemedicine provider orally or electronically by your other healthcare providers.
4. There are benefits and opportunities associated with telemedicine, including but not limited to, having access to healthcare and to medical specialists without having to travel outside of your local community. There are also limitations to delivering healthcare services through telemedicine. For example, the use of interactive video technology may be insufficient to allow for treatment, diagnosis or general medical care decisions to be made. In addition, delays in medical evaluation and treatment may occur due to failures of the electronic equipment or failure or interruption of the internet connection.
5. All services provided to you through telemedicine will be delivered over a secure connection that complies with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") (to the extent required by law; in certain circumstances, this requirement may not apply). State and federal laws regarding confidentiality of your medical information apply to information created and disclosed during the telemedicine service.
6. There will be no videotaping or recording of your telemedicine care without your consent.
7. The medical records of your telemedicine health services provided by Dartmouth-Hitchcock providers will be maintained by GCFH&H but may also be stored in the Dartmouth-Hitchcock electronic medical record. If you need copies of these records, please follow GCFH&H's 'Notice of Privacy Practices'.
8. Your participation in a telemedicine service is voluntary. You may withhold or withdraw consent to the telemedicine at any time without affecting your ability to receive future care or treatment. A copy of this consent will be maintained in your medical record.

PATIENT RIGHTS

I understand that GCFH&H's Notice of Privacy Practices provides information about how they may use and disclose my protected health information. I understand that in addition to the copy GCFH&H will provide me, copies of the current notice are available by accessing their website at www.gracecottage.org.

