

# Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Procedure

## Patient Rights

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- A. Upon admission, a copy of the documents entitled "Notice of Patient's Rights" and "Notice of Privacy Practices" shall be given to all patients. If a patient has a legal guardian or an Advance Directive, the documents shall also be provided to the guardian or agent.
- B. A copy of the "Notice of Patient Rights" shall be posted conspicuously on the patient care unit and shall be posted on the Vermont Department of Mental Health website. The Notice of Patient Rights shall be updated as required by law or to promote more effective communication of patient rights. Notices shall be reviewed by the Governing Body and the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Chief Executive Officer.
- C. If a patient does not understand the notices, staff shall inform the patient of his or her rights in a language that the patient understands, including the use of alternative communication techniques or aids, or other steps as needed to effectively communicate with the patient.

Approved by	Signature	Date
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