

NAME:

BIRTH DATE:

MRN:

DOS:

(If handwritten, patient name, MRN, birth date, and DOS)

Yale New Haven Health

Request and Consent for Postmortem Examination/ Autopsy

Pathology barcode

Patient Rights

As a patient, you have the RIGHT to:

- ❖ Respect. This includes your religion, your culture and social beliefs.
- ❖ Emotional support. Our staff will provide comfort to you and your loved ones when it is needed.
- ❖ Privacy and confidentiality while you are here. You can decide whom you want with you when we talk about your medical care.
- ❖ An interpreter. If you need an interpreter, we will get one.
- ❖ Full explanation of your medical care. You have the right to know the names of the people taking care of you and an explanation of your diagnosis and treatment.
- ❖ Make an advance directive (living will). Then we will know the name(s) of the person(s) you have chosen to tell us what you would want if you become unable to communicate or if you require life-sustaining treatment. We will respect your wishes.
- ❖ Have a family member or representative, and your own physician notified when you are admitted to the hospital.
- ❖ Pain management through prompt diagnosis and treatment. You also have the right to participate actively in decision about how to manage your pain.
- ❖ Not be restrained unless it is necessary for your safety.
- ❖ Make informed decisions about any treatment that requires your signature and consent. This includes experimental treatment.
- ❖ Refuse treatment or you may change your mind about any treatment.
- ❖ Be part of a research study if asked, but also have the right to say no.
- ❖ Look at your medical records. Your physician will review them with you except when restricted by law. You may request a copy after discharge.
- ❖ Know about any relationship that we may have with other organizations that may affect your care.
- ❖ A consistent plan of care. You will be given instructions on how to take care of yourself when you go home.
- ❖ Receive a copy of your bill with the charges explained.
- ❖ Request an autopsy at Yale New Haven Health. In most circumstances, there will be no charge for an autopsy performed on an eligible patient who, at the time of death has been under the care of a practitioner at YNH (YSC or SRC), BH, GH, or the West Haven Veterans Hospital. At LMH and WH, autopsy services at no cost are available for inpatient deaths only. Your family has the right to have the autopsy done at another institution of their choosing. If the autopsy is performed elsewhere, your family will have to make these arrangements and pay any associated costs.
- ❖ Make a complaint about a medical decision, treatment or medical care. You may give your complaint to the patient representative, nursing staff, physician staff, other hospital staff or hospital administration. Your care will not be affected by a complaint and we will look into it as quickly as possible.
- ❖ File a written grievance if you are not satisfied with the response or resolution from the hospital about your complaint. You have the right to appeal to the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, 410 Capital Avenue, Hartford, CT 06134. Telephone number: 1-800-842-0038 or TTY: 1-860-509-7191. For Westerly Hospital: State of Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Telephone number: 401-222-5960.

