

PATIENTS RESPONSIBILITY RELATED TO YOUR SAFETY

Please carefully read the following so you know how you can be a **TEAM PLAYER** in your safety while being cared for at Surgicare.

IDENTIFICATION:

- . PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH WHENEVER ASKED BY A STAFF MEMBER
- . YOUR IDENTIFICATION WILL BE CHECKED MANY TIMES DURING YOUR STAY AT SURGICARE. REMEMBER THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY. THIS MAY BE DONE BY ASKING YOUR INFORMATION OR CHECKING YOUR IDENTIFICATION-BAND.
- . ALL CAREGIVERS SHOULD ALSO HAVE IDENTIFICATION, AT SURGICARE THE NAME AND TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER IS NOTED ON THEIR SCRUB TOP OR JACKET.

COMMUNICATION:

- . **SPEAK UP**— If you have a question or concern, and you do not understand ASK AGAIN. You have a **RIGHT** to **KNOW** it is your body.
- . **PAY ATTENTION**—Make sure you are getting the right medications and treatment. Know your physician. Do not assume.
- . **EDUCATE YOURSELF**—Know about your diagnosis. What surgery is it you receiving and why? *care*
- . Ask a family member or a friend to act as an advocate. Have a translator if needed.

PREVENT INFECTION:

- . HANDWASHING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WAY TO DECREASE INFECTION. DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK A CAREGIVER IF THEY HAVE WASHED THEIR HANDS.**
- . Ask family and friends that have a cold or infection not to visit.**

MEDICATION SAFETY:

- . Carry a list of all current medications with you at all times. This includes all prescription, over the counter medications, herbs and supplements. You will be asked to complete a Medication Reconciliation Form with regard to all your medications.**
- . Be sure to know your allergies and the reaction you get from them. Know what drugs you are allergic to and what cause you to have a sensitivity.**

AVOID FALLS:

- . Prevent falls by asking for help to get off the stretcher or chair.**
- .If you use a walker or cane let us know.**
- . Let us know if you have any balance problems.**
- .If you have any visual problems, dizzy or weakness, do not get up alone.**
- .Tell a staff member if you see any spilled liquids.**

BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN YOUR CARE, BE PRO-ACTIVE,IT IS YOUR BODY, YOUR LIFE.