



Proclamation for Patient-Centered Care

*We proclaim to our patients and community these truths,
which we hold to be self-evident:*

*A patient is an individual to be cared for,
not a medical condition to be treated.*

Each patient is a unique person, with diverse needs.

*Each associate is a caregiver,
whose role is to meet the needs of each patient.*

*Our patients are our partners and have knowledge and
expertise that is essential to their care.*

*Our patients' family and friends are also our partners
and we welcome their involvement.*

*Access to understandable health information is essential to
empower patients to participate in their care and it is
our responsibility to provide access to that information.*

*The opportunity to make decisions is essential to the well-being
of our patients. It is our responsibility to maximize patients'
opportunities for choices and to respect those choices.*

*Our patients' well-being can be enhanced by an
optimal healing environment.*

*To effectively care for patients, we must also care for our
associates by supporting them in achieving their highest
professional aspirations, as well as their personal goals.*

*Patient-centered care is the core of a high quality health care
system and a necessary foundation for safe, effective,
efficient, timely and equitable care.*

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exists to serve our patients and our community.

We are honored to be here for you.