

Temiskaming Hospital

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Your Health Information and When Your Consent is Not Required

Further to our last article regarding your health information and your privacy, there are times when we are allowed or may be required to use and/or give out some of your personal health information without your consent. These situations are as follows:

- To process payments through government programs like the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP);
- To report certain information, such as a health condition, that make you unfit to drive or to report certain diseases to public health authorities;
- When we suspect certain types of abuse;
- To identify a person who has died;
- To give the spouse or child of the person who has died personal health information to assist them in making decisions about their own care;
- To reduce a significant risk of serious bodily harm to a person or the public;
- To give information to certain registries or planning bodies that use personal health information to improve the health care services or health system management, as long as strict privacy protections are in place;
- To assist health researchers for research, as long as strict privacy requirements are met;
- To improve or maintain the quality of care or any related hospital program or services;
- For risk management and legal purposes;
- To allocate resources to our programs and services;
- To assess a person's ability to make health care and other important decisions; and
- For the purpose of a legal proceeding or complying with a court order, or other legal requirement.

Watch for the next article regarding providing information to family, friends and others.



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Visiting Hours:

- 1000 to 2000 hours for medical patients, surgical patients and Long-Term Care patients;
- 1400 to 1600 hours and 1800 to 2000 hours for obstetrics;
- Visitors to the Special Care Unit (SCU) are restricted to immediate family and/or significant other(s).