

EXAMPLE PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS

Respectful Care

You have the right to be treated with compassion and respect and to receive care provided in a manner that respects your dignity, independence, and self-determination.

You have the right to have your identity (for example, gender identity, culture) respected.

Information

You have the right to be informed about the risks, benefits, and side effects of injectable opioid agonist treatment (iOAT) and other treatment options before you agree to receive iOAT.

Privacy

You have the right to privacy. Case discussion, consultation, examination, and treatment should be conducted in a way that protects your and every patient's privacy.

You have the right to expect confidentiality. Your care providers will maintain confidentiality of your care and medical records except in cases required by law (for example, suspected abuse of a minor).

Quality of Care

You have the right to receive high quality, evidence-based medical care.

You have the right to continuity of care. If you are incarcerated, you have the right to receive opioid agonist treatment in a timely manner, although you may not receive injectable opioid agonist treatment due to limitations on availability.

You have the right to be informed by your prescriber of available and realistic care options if your prescriber can no longer provide care (for example, due to relocation or retirement).

Involvement in Care

You have the right to work with your health care team to create treatment and wellness goals for yourself and to receive care or referrals to meet those goals.

You have the right to involve your family and social circle (e.g., romantic partners, close friends, and other people of significance) in your care when appropriate. You also have the right to exclude your family and social circle from your care.

Complaints

You have the right to make a complaint to the appropriate authority about any violation of your rights. [contact information for regulatory bodies and any other complaint mechanisms]

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