

The Rights of the Child

in the Health Care System

Based on *The Rights of the Hospitalized Child*,
Canadian Institute of Child Health, April 1980

I have the right to live and to have my pain and suffering treated, regardless of my age, gender or income.

Article: 3, 6, 24

I have the right to be viewed first as a child, then as a patient.

Article: 3

I have the right to be treated as a unique individual with my own abilities, culture and language.

Article: 2, 23, 24, 30

I have the right to be afraid and to cry when I feel hurt.

Article: 12

I have the right to be safe in an environment that is unfamiliar to me.

Article: 9, 19, 24, 25

I have the right to ask questions and receive answers that I can understand.

Article: 12, 13

I have the right to be cared for by people who perceive and meet my needs even though I may be unable to explain what they are.

Article: 3, 5

I have the right to speak for myself when I am able and to have someone speak on my behalf when I am unable.

Article: 12, 13, 14

I have the right to have those dear to me close by when I need them.

Article: 3, 9, 31

I have the right to play and learn even if I am receiving care.

Article: 28, 29, 31

I have the need to have my rights fulfilled.

Article: 42

(Articles are from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)



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