

U.S. PAIN FOUNDATION WANTS YOU TO KNOW:

AS A PERSON WITH PAIN, YOU HAVE MANY RIGHTS.

1. Patients have the right to care from the health care provider of their choice.

2. Patients have the right to ask questions about a health care provider's education, licensure, and experience.

3. Patients have the right to care that is respectful, objective, and non-discriminatory.

4. Patients have the right to have their pain effectively and safely managed.

5. Patients have the right to ask for and receive a referral to a pain management specialist.

6. Patients have the right to have their pain examined regularly and their treatments adjusted for continued or improved pain management.

7. Patients have the right to receive clear, accurate information about all treatment options available, including the risks and benefits of each option.

8. Patients have the right to refuse suggested methods of pain treatment.

9. Patients have the right to a second opinion.

10. Patients have the right to participate in their pain treatment decisions. If patients cannot fully participate in their treatment decisions, patients have the right to be represented by family members and/or guardians.

11. Patients have the right to have costs explained to them before proceeding with care and have the right to have medical bills explained after care is delivered.

12. Patients have the right to read and makes copies of their health information and relevant records.

13. Patients have the right to ask their health care provider to amend or correct any information in their health records.

14. Patients have the right to speak confidentially with their health care providers.

15. Patients have the right to complain about or appeal issues related to treatment, health plans, health care personnel, and health care facilities.

If you feel your rights have been violated, please contact U.S. Pain Foundation at contact@uspainfoundation.org.