

# RESIDENT BILL OF RIGHTS

**As an individual facing the end of my life, I have the right to:**

Be treated as a living human being until I die.

Maintain a sense of hopefulness however changing its focus may be.

Discuss and enlarge my religious and/or spiritual experiences, whatever these may mean to others.

Be free from pain.

Participate in decisions concerning my care.

Expect continuing medical and nursing attention even though "cure" goals must be changed to "comfort" goals

Die in peace and dignity.

Express my feelings and emotions about my approaching death in my own way.

Not die alone.

Retain my individuality and not be judged for my decisions, which may be contrary to beliefs of others

Have my questions answered honestly.

Not be deceived.

Be cared for by those who can maintain a sense of hopefulness, however changing this might be.

Expect that the sanctity of the human body will be respected after death.

Be cared for by caring, sensitive, knowledgeable people who will attempt to understand my needs and will be able to gain some satisfaction in helping me face my death.