

NOTICE OF PATIENTS' RIGHTS

The Bristol Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic adheres to this Patients' Rights bill*

Every patient of this Dental Hygiene Clinic shall have the right:

- upon request, to obtain from the clinic, the name of the person responsible for his/her care or the coordination of his/her care;
- to the confidentiality of all records and communications to the extent of the law;
- to have all reasonable requests responded to promptly and adequately within the capacity of the clinic;
- to obtain from a person designated by the clinic a copy of any rules or regulations of the clinic which apply to his/her conduct as a patient;
- upon request, to inspect his/her medical records and to receive a copy thereof in accordance with section 70E of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the fee for said copy shall be determined by the rate of copying expenses;
- to refuse to serve as a research subject and to refuse any care or examination when the primary purpose is educational or informational rather therapeutic;
- to privacy during dental hygiene treatment care within the capacity of the clinic;
- to prompt life saving treatment in an emergency without discrimination;
- to informed consent to the extent provided by law;
- to continuity of treatment;
- to access to complete and current information about his/her condition;
- to explanation of recommended treatment alternatives, the option to refuse treatment, the risk of no treatment; and the expected outcomes of various treatment;
- to treatment that meets the standard of care in the profession;
- to treatment provided on a donation basis.