

# Big Sky Dermatology and Skin Cancer Specialists of Bozeman

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## Patient Rights

1. A Patient has the right to respectful care given by competent personnel,
2. A Patient has the right, upon request, to be given the name of his/her attending practitioners, the names of all other practitioners directly participating in his/her care and the names and functions of other health care persons having direct contact with the patient,
3. A Patient has the right to consideration of privacy concerning his/her own medical care program. Case discussion, consultation, examination, treatment, and medical records are considered confidential and shall be handled discreetly,
4. A Patient has the right to confidential disclosures and records of his/her medical care except as otherwise provided by law or third party contractual arrangement,
5. A Patient has the right to participate in decisions involving his/her health care except when such participation is contraindicated for medical reasons,
6. A Patient has the right to know which Big Sky Dermatology and Skin Cancer Specialists rules and regulations apply to his/her conduct as a patient,
7. The Patient has the right to expect emergency procedures to be implemented without unnecessary delay,
8. The Patient has the right to good quality care and high professional standards that are continually maintained and reviewed,
9. The Patient has the right to full information, in layman's terms, concerning diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, and prognosis, including information about alternative treatments, and possible complications. When it is not medically advisable to give the information to the patient, the information shall be given on his/her behalf to the person designated by the patient or to a legally authorized person,
10. Except for emergencies, the practitioner shall obtain the necessary informed consent prior to the start of a procedure,
11. If the Patient is unable to give consent, a legally authorized person has the right to be advised when a practitioner is considering the patient as a part of a medical care research program or donor program. The patient or a responsible person shall give informed consent prior to participation in the program. The patient or responsible person may refuse to continue in a program to which he has previously given informed consent,
12. A Patient has the right to refuse drugs or procedures, to the extent permitted by status. A practitioner shall inform the patient of the medical consequences of the patient's refusal of drugs or procedures,
13. A Patient has the right to medical and nursing services without discrimination based upon age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, disability, marital status, or source of payment,
14. The Patient who does not speak English shall have access, where possible, to an interpreter,
15. Big Sky Dermatology and Skin Cancer Specialists shall provide the patient, or patient designees, upon request, access to the information contained in his/her medical records, once a release and payment has been received, unless the attending practitioner for medical reasons specifically restricts access,
16. The Patient has the right to expect good management techniques to be implemented within the office. These techniques shall make effective use of time for the patient and avoid personal discomfort of the patient,
17. When an emergency occurs and a patient is transferred to another facility, the responsible person shall be notified. The institution to which the patient is to be transferred shall be notified prior to the patient's transfer,
18. The Patient has the right to examine and receive a detailed explanation of his/her bill,
19. A Patient has the right to expect that Big Sky Dermatology and Skin Cancer Specialists will provide information for continuing health care requirements following discharge and the means for meeting them,
20. The Patient is informed of his/her right to change primary or specialty physician, if another qualified physician is available,
21. The Patient is provided with appropriate information regarding the absence of malpractice insurance coverage,
22. The Patient is informed that Big Sky Dermatology and Skin Cancer Specialists is physician-owned,
23. A Patient has the right to be informed of his/her rights at the time of check-in.