**Surgicare of Lake Charles**

**Pediatric Rights and Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians**

In addition to the rights of adult patients, the needs of children/adolescents and they, with their parents/guardians, shall have the following rights:

* Respect for:
* Each child and adolescent as a unique individual
* The care-taking role and individual response of the parent
* Provision for normal physical and physiological needs of a growing child to include nutrition, rest, sleep, warmth, activity and freedom to move and explore.
* Consistent, supportive and nurturing care which:
* Meets the emotional and psychosocial needs of the child
* Fosters open communication
* Provision for self-esteem needs which will be met by attempts to give the child:
* The reassuring presence of a caring person, especially a parent;
* Freedom to express feelings or fears with appropriate reactions;
* As much control as possible, over both self and situation;
* Opportunities to work through experience before and after they occur, verbally, in play or in other appropriate ways;
* Recognition and reward for coping well during difficult situations.
* Provision for varied and normal stimuli of life which contributes to cognitive, social, emotional and physical developmental needs:
* Play, educational and social activities essential to all children and adolescents.
* Information about what to expect prior to, during and following procedure/experience and support in coping with it.
* Participation of children/families in decisions affecting their own medical treatment.
* Minimization of stay duration by recognizing discharge planning needs.

**FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY:**

* Parents/family shall have the responsibility for:
* Continuing their parenting role to the extent of their ability
* Being available to participate in decision-making and providing staff with knowledge of parents/family whereabouts
* The family consists of those individuals responsible for physical and emotional care of the child on a continuous basis, regardless of whether they are related.