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# Patients' Rights, Options & Duties

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# The origins of patients' rights – Source: Holocaust encyclopedia

- Nazi medical experiments – during World War 2 (1942-1945)
- Experiments on humans without patients' consent or safeguards
- To test drugs and treatments
- Nuremberg Code - created in the aftermath. Genesis of the doctrine of informed consent and set ethical standards for research in humans.

# The bill of patients' rights



- Started in the 1960s by a grassroots consumer organization (National Welfare Rights Organization)
- Initial focus in the US - rights in medical care clinical context (1960s)
- Mid 1990s – Right to medical care (equitable access to health for all)
- In line with health & human rights language (the right to health)

# The seven key patients' rights

- The Right to Be Treated with Respect.
- The Right to Obtain Your Medical Records.
- The Right to Privacy of Your Medical Records.
- The Right to Make a Treatment Choice.
- The Right to Informed Consent.
- The Right to Refuse Treatment.
- The Right to Make Decisions About End-of-Life Care.

# Patients' responsibilities & duties

- Be responsible for their own health.
- Provide information about their health
- Be financially and administratively responsible.
- To respect the rights of other patients and health professionals
- To utilize the health care system properly and not abuse it
- To comply with the prescribed treatment
- To take care of health records in their possession

The image features a light, hazy background with a silhouette of three hikers on a mountain ridge. The hiker at the top left is leaning forward, reaching out to assist the hiker below. The hiker in the middle is also leaning forward, reaching out to assist the hiker at the bottom. The hiker at the bottom right is standing upright, looking towards the other two. The overall scene conveys a sense of teamwork and mutual support in a challenging environment.

**The end. Thank you.**