

PATIENT RIGHTS – PITFALL FOR DOCTORS?



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Doctor – Patient Partnership

- Trust
- Confidentiality
- Professional secrecy



www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-512364/

Social Security Rights v. Patient Rights

- **Social security rights**

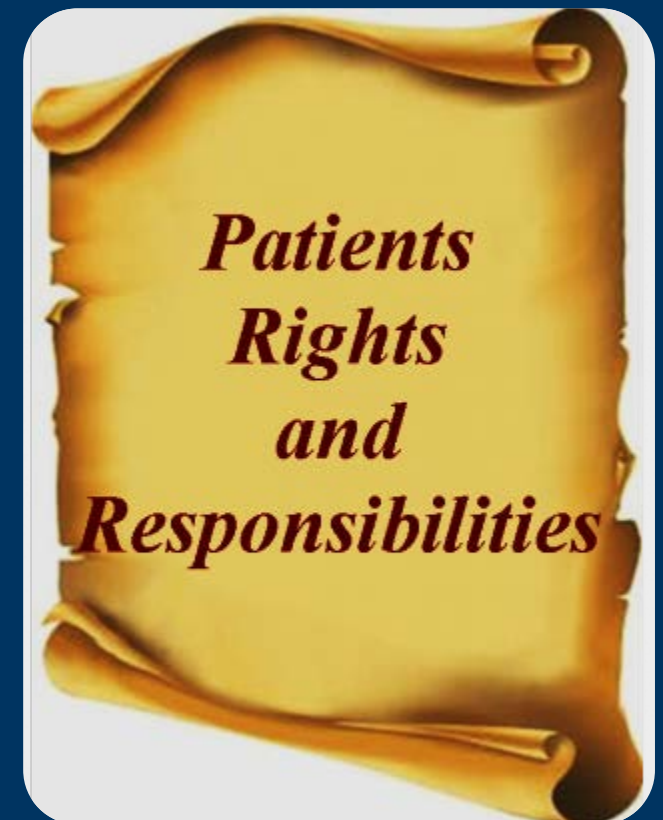
- *relate to societal obligation enforced by government*
- *the right to basic healthcare activities, specialist outpatient, hospital and tertiary activities, medical treatment, transport by ambulance or other vehicles, prescription for medicine and medical accessories.*

- **Patient rights**

- *individual rights*
- *enforceable on behalf of an individual*

Patient Rights by the Slovenian Patients' Rights Act

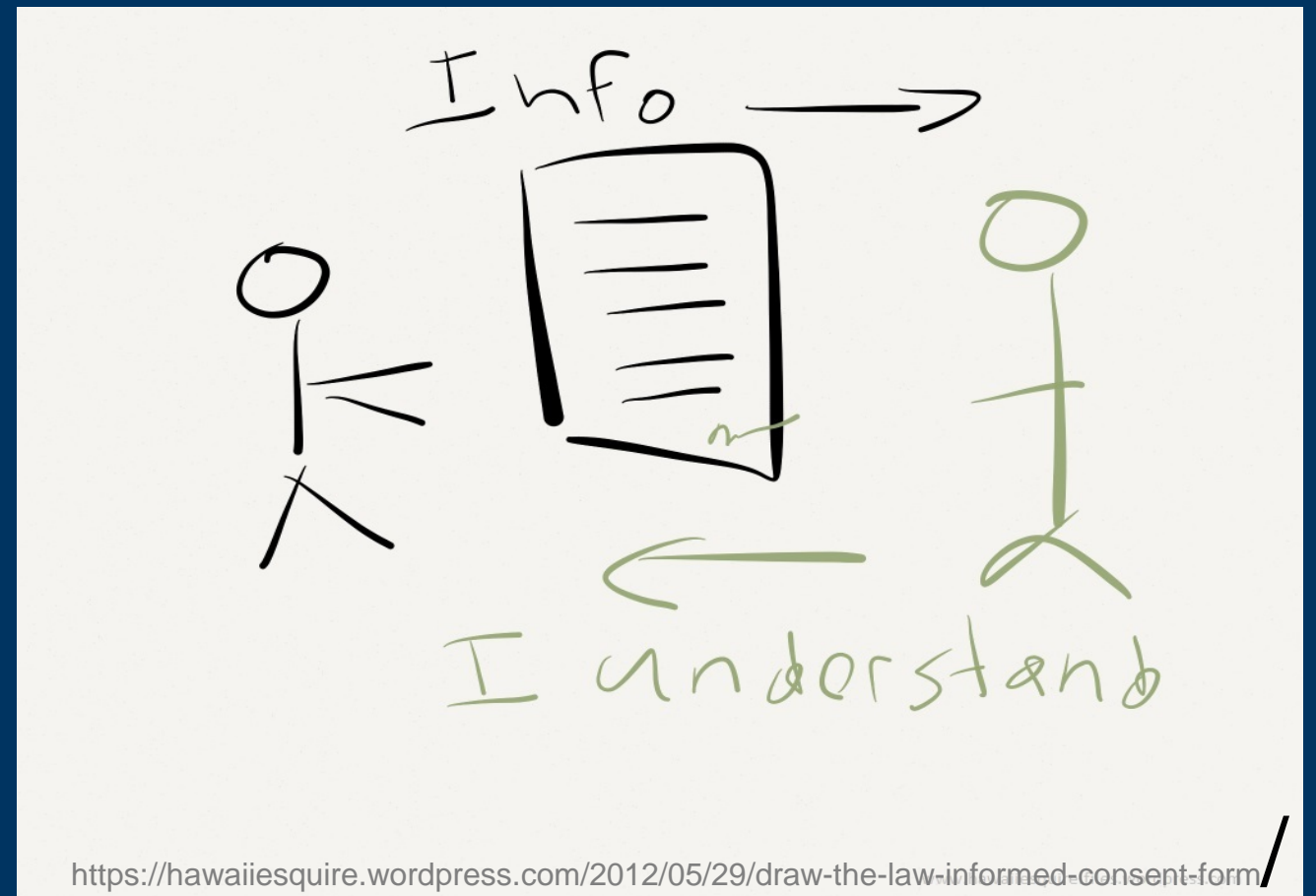
- *The right to information about his or her health*
- *The right to privacy and confidentiality*
- *The right to respect of patient's time*
- *The right to avoidance of unnecessary suffering and pain*
- *The right to access to the medical file*
- *The right to free choice*
- *The right to second opinion*
- *The right to preventive measures*
- *The right to complaint*
- *The right to compensation*
- *The right to informed consent*



<http://swlahealth.org/patients-rights-and-responsibilities/>

Informed Consent

- **Informed**
 - *having full knowledge and understanding*
- **Consent**
 - *decision to voluntarily accept*



Violation of Patient Rights

- The right to complaint
- The first stage procedure within the institution
- The second stage procedure before the Slovenian Commission for Protection of Patient Rights
- Patient's rights representative



<http://pups.usc.edu/articles/working-with-your-doctor/working-with-your-doctor-all.html>

Right to Compensation – Damages Claim

Mainly raised arguments:

- The information given was not sufficient
- The information was not presented by the doctor
- The consent is not valid

- Professional secrecy
(*Physician-patient privilege*)
- Expert witness



<http://thethompsonlawfirm.net/data-breach-patients-rights-revolution/>



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