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Patient Bill of Rights

As a patient in the NHTI Dental Hygiene Clinic, within the scope of dental hygiene practice and consistent with New Hampshire law, you have the right to:

1. The respect of the individuality, dignity, and rights of every patient regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, social or economic status, or disability.
2. The provision of comprehensive patient-centered dental hygiene care to include preventative, educational, and therapeutic procedures that meet the standard of care of the dental hygiene profession.
3. A safe environment through compliance with the guidelines of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for infection control procedures.*
4. Considerate and respectful care.
5. Be informed of current oral health status and be given appropriate referrals and recommendations.
6. Receive an explanation of recommended and alternative treatments, including all possible risks and benefits.
7. Refuse recommended treatment.
8. Be guaranteed a professional confidential patient relationship regarding dental hygiene care.
9. Access information regarding treatment and available radiographs and obtain a copy of the record, upon written request.
10. Confidentiality of all records (*HIPAA Policy*).
11. Information about Dental Hygiene Clinic policies regarding length of appointments, fees for services, and faculty supervision.

- Infection control policy available upon request.