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POLICY:

Patients have the right to refuse care, treatment, or other services in accordance with law and regulation. When patients are not able to make decisions for themselves; a surrogate decision maker may refuse care, treatment, and other services in accordance with law and regulations.

For further information see Patient Care – Corporate Policy: Patient Rights and Responsibilities.

GENERAL

A competent, adult patient who knowingly and contemporaneously refuses the transfusion of blood or blood products may be admitted and treated at William Beaumont Hospital. The patient must sign Form #7488, "Refusal of Blood Transfusion and Release" (available through Forms Library) if refusing blood. Grosse Pointe uses form # 610-49 "Refusal to permit treatment / procedure/ medication". Questions concerning competent, adult patients whose beliefs prohibit the transfusion of blood or blood products should be handled according to this policy.

ALL CASES involving minor patients, incompetent patients, whether minor or adult, and pregnant females, whether minor or adult, where transfusion of blood or blood products is declined, must be referred to the Department of Legal Affairs.

Definitions:

Competent Adult: A competent adult is one who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and can understand his/her medical condition and proposed treatment, risk and benefits of proposed course of treatment and non-treatment, prospects for treatment, and significant alternative treatment.

Incompetent Adult: An incompetent adult is one who cannot understand his/her medical condition, proposed treatment and alternative treatments.

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