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# Canadian patient's bill of rights

BILL C-26 (2001)

“An Act to establish the rights of patients in relation to health, treatment and records...”

*The Canadian Patient's Bill of Rights (2001)*, outlines the standards of conduct patients can expect and should demand, of any interaction with the healthcare system. It has since become a key resource for Canadians living with myeloma.

## ALL PATIENTS HAVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL RIGHTS:

- (a) the right to be fully informed as to their medical condition;
- (b) the right to be advised of the treatment options that are available to them;
- (c) the right to be involved in the decision as to which treatment to receive;
- (d) the right to information on the qualifications and experience of the health professionals from whom they receive services;
- (e) the right to receive considerate, compassionate and respectful public health services;
- (f) the right to communicate with health professionals in confidence;
- (g) the right to have access to all health records that relate to them, to have copies of such records and to have them corrected if they are shown to be incorrect;
- (h) the right to have their health records maintained in confidence and not used for any purpose other than the provision to them of public health services unless pursuant to informed and formal, written consent, which may not be implied or imputed;
- (i) the right to designate a person to exercise their rights on their behalf if they are not able to do so as a result of a physical or mental incapacity; and
- (j) the right to be informed of all rights and responsibilities they have under this Act and under other laws of Canada or a province with respect to public health services.



**The Myeloma Canada Advocacy Handbook is an essential guide to learning what advocacy is, how to advocate for yourself, for someone else, and on behalf of all Canadians living with myeloma. Download or request your copy today.**

**Everyone has rights that need to be respected  
and a voice that deserves to be heard.**

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