

Name of Policy: <u>Right of Hospitalized Patients to Change Physician</u> Policy Number: 3364-100-60-08 Department: Hospital Administration Approving Officer: Chief Executive Officer Responsible Agent: Chief of Staff Scope: The University of Toledo Medical Center and its Medical Staff	 Effective Date: 05/01/2021 Initial Effective Date: March 8, 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> New policy proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision of existing policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor/technical revision of existing policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy Statement

All patients of The University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) may refuse to be cared for by a particular attending physician. Although patients cannot insist on a particular physician, they can refuse to be cared for by any given attending physician for any reason.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To recognize the patient’s right to replace the current physician with another physician.

(C) Procedure

- When a patient or the patient's substitute decision-maker expresses the desire to replace one physician with another, essential care shall be continued by the original physician until this transfer is made. This transfer is to be made as soon as possible.
- When care is sought from a physician outside of UTMC, the arrangements will be the patient's responsibility. UTMC will work to facilitate the transfer of the patient. In select circumstances, the outside physician may be permitted to see the patient at UTMC. This situation will be addressed through the Office of the Chief of Staff.
- In either case, every effort is made to promote continuous care and to minimize any delay in transfer.

Approved by: <u>/s/ Richard Swaine</u> <u>05/13/2021</u> Chief Executive Officer Date <u>/s/ Andrew Casabianca, MD, DMD</u> <u>05/18/2021</u> Chief of Staff Date <i>Review/Revision Completed By:</i> HAS Chief of Staff Institutional Ethics	Review/Revision Date: 9/10/03 1/10/07 11/25/2009 6/1/2013 5/1/2016 4/1/2020 5/1/2021 Next Review Date: 5/1/2024
Policies Superseded by This Policy: 7-60-08	