

PATIENT ACTION ALERT

Reject NCH's new Admissions Policy

Join CCMS in Petitioning for Patients' Right to Choose

Sign a petition and share your concerns at

ccmsonline.org/patientchoice



Dear Neighbor:

As an advocate for patient rights and the overall health of the community, Collier County Medical Society wants you to understand how NCH Hospitals' proposed admissions policy affects our community and your health.

If NCH Hospitals adopt the admissions policy, you will no longer be able to choose your admitting physician – whether this is your trusted general practitioner or their designated hospitalist.

- *Your own physician or team will not be able to direct the care needed if admitted to NCH.*
- *A new physician may be assigned, who does not know you or your physicians.*
- *The NCH medical team will not have access to outpatient records.*
- *Even if your physician can visit in the hospital, he/she will not be allowed to order any tests or treatment and will not be able to make any entries in your charts to communicate with NCH staff.*

A recent study showed patients who received care from their primary care physicians during hospitalization were more likely to be discharged home with higher 30-day survival rates (*Comparison of Hospital Resource Use and Outcomes Among Hospitalists, Primary Care Physicians, and Other Generalists – JAMA Internal Medicine, Dec. 2017*).

Additionally, patients experience less stress and anxiety on admission when their own physicians participate in their treatment.

We would like your help to keep Collier County one of the healthiest counties in Florida. Please take a minute to share your concerns by calling (239) 435-7727 or on our website: ccmsonline.org/patientchoice.

Sincerely,

Cesar De Leon, D.O., CCMS President

Patient Rights & Public Health

It is the mission of CCMS to: Serve the needs of our physician members so they can better serve the needs of the community.

We support every Patient's Right to Choose their Doctor

We believe every patient has the right to choose their trusted physician to guide their treatment plan during hospitalization. We request the NCH Hospital Board of Trustees to reconsider their admissions policy to ensure that community physicians can retain admitting privileges.

Following is a portion of our 5000+ petition signers.

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Dr. Joshua Lenchus, President, Florida Osteopathic Medical Assoc.

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