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| <p style="text-align: center;">SLEASMAN STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Niagara University</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refusal of Medical Advice and Treatment</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Review History</p> <p>Data Initiated: 1996</p> <p>Last Revision: 6/2009,12/2010</p> <p>Date(s) Reviewed/Revised: 6/2012</p> |
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Guidelines: Patients have the right to be informed about their diagnosis and recommended treatment. They also have the right to refuse treatment.

Specifics:

1. In the event that a patient refuses treatment and advice, it is the responsibility of the provider to explain alternatives, rationale, and potential problems that may arise from refusal. This is to be charted in detail in the patient medical record.
2. If, after the explanation, the patient still refuses, he/she will be asked to complete the "Refusal of Medical Advice and Treatment" form. The patient should be offered transportation the hospital as well. The form should be attached to the patient record.
3. If the patient refused to sign the form, another clinic medical personnel or the Director of Health Services should be asked to witness the explanation. If this is not possible, the provider should record in detail the discussion and client's response.
4. Circumstances that would result in clear danger to the life of the patient or others will be reported immediately to the Director of Health Services, or in her absence, the Vice President for Student Affairs.