# Right to healthcare that is free of discrimination under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

## You have a right to equal treatment regardless of your sexuality or gender.

## You have a right to receive inclusive service and not be denied care.

# Right to decide who will advocate for your health *(Link to the Health Guide)*

## You have a right to create a healthcare directive; to designate someone to make healthcare decisions on your behalf; and to have the decisions outlined in your healthcare directive respected.

# Right to have your gender identity respected

## You deserve to feel safe sharing your gender identity.

## You are entitled to be called by your name and gender pronouns (your chosen name and correct pronouns).

## You should be able to use the facilities of your choice.

# Right to decide who does and does not visit you, at any reasonable time, regardless of your legal or biological relationship. *(May be dependent on age and COVID-19 restrictions)*

## If you are denied a visitor, you can ask the facility to show you the rule that prohibits that visitor.

# Right to the privacy of your healthcare records and your identity

## You have a right to the privacy of your medical records and care under provincial or territorial legislation.

## Your doctors and nurses can only share your medical information if it is necessary to provide you with care, or if you give them permission to share it with others.

# Right to protest if you are discharged due to discrimination

## You have a right to protest being discharged or transferred from a healthcare facility.

# Right to participate in healthcare decision-making as a minor

## “Mature Minors” have a right to decide on healthcare treatment that is in their best interest and do not need parental consent.

## A minor has the legal right to receive healthcare that is free of discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

## Minors should not be forced into conversion therapy.

# Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQ+ specific rights

## Non-insured health benefits for Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQ+ people

**There are three places you might file a complaint if you believe you have experienced discrimination in your healthcare.**

1. Facility where the discrimination occurred
2. Professional college
3. Canadian Human Rights Commission

The Canadian Healthcare Bill of Rights was created to help you advocate for quality and inclusive care for yourself, your family, your friends, and your community. If you are being discriminated against or disrespected in your healthcare treatment and you need more help, we also encourage you to reach out to a local 2SLGBTQ+ community centre or organization, or local lawyer.

Please refer to the Complete Bill of Rights and the wallet-sized card for reference. *(Insert hyperlinks)*

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**Wallet Card Sample - (Design to be determined)**

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