



COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING

Mangum Regional Medical Center

TITLE		POLICY	
Treatment Refusal		510	
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE	
Rehabilitation			
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE		
Rehabilitation Services			

SCOPE: All professional rehabilitation staff providing patient care at Mangum Regional Medical Center.

PURPOSE: To ensure rehabilitation services personnel understands effective and appropriate understanding and documentation of a patient’s right to refuse treatment.

POLICY: The patient has the right to refuse treatment.

PROCEDURE:

1. First Refusal:
 - a. Explain the consequences of treatment refusal to the patient.
 - b. Notify nursing and, if appropriate, physician, social worker or caregiver of the patient’s refusal.
2. Subsequent Refusals
 - a. Address any issues related to refusal. Make sure medical conditions, fear, or other factors are not interfering. Try alternative treatment approaches, when possible.
 - b. Engage interdisciplinary team and/or caregiver support to address refusals.
 - c. Inform patient/legally responsible party as to the consequences of discontinuation of treatment and any alternative to such action.
 - d. Inform physician, when appropriate.
3. After three refusals by the patient from inpatient, skilled nursing or outpatient services, obtain a discharge order from the physician. In addition, the therapist should notify the physician if:
 - a. Refusal pattern is such that the patient is unable to benefit from treatment.
 - b. There are no medical or other complicating factors that may temporarily impact treatment attendance.

Note: Treatment may be put on hold for a specified amount of time or with specified restart criteria.
- 4.0 Document all these steps clearly.

REVISIONS/UPDATES

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change