

5. Patient Rights under HIPA

Patients have a number of rights when it comes to personal health information. These include:

- The **right to consent** to the collection, use and disclosure of their information. (It should be noted that there are circumstances identified in HIPA where consent of the individual is **not** required for the collection, use or disclosure of an individual's personal health information).
- The **right to revoke consent** to the collection, use or disclosure of their information.
- The **right to be informed** by trustees about anticipated uses and disclosures.
- The **right to prevent access to a comprehensive health record**.
- The **right to be informed about disclosures** without consent.
- The **right to refuse to provide the Health Services Number** as identification for a non-health service.
- The **right to access personal health information** about oneself, with limits.
- The **right to request amendments** to records of personal health information about oneself.
- The **right to designate another person to make decisions** about one's personal health information.
- The **right to request an investigation or a review** by the Information and Privacy Commissioner about a decision by a trustee.
- The **right to appeal** to a court, the decisions of a trustee.
- The **right to complain** to the Saskatchewan Officer of the Information and Privacy Commissioner if they are dissatisfied with the response they receive from the practitioner.

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