

Dear Sir, dear madam,

We wish to provide you with some useful indications to ensure that your stay is as comfortable as possible. In the ward, you will meet the health staff, which consists of doctors, the nursing coordinator, nurses, physiotherapists, healthcare operators, care assistants, technicians, social worker, trainees and volunteers, all identifiable through their I.D. badges. The organization of the ward is based on some simple rules described here below, which we request you to observe. The doctors will inform you of the diagnostic tests and treatments most appropriate for your disease; they will also ask for your consent to receive the scheduled treatments.

Thank you for your kind attention.

WHAT TO BRING FOR YOUR HOSPITAL STAY

Upon admission, you must present an identity document and any available recent **clinical documentation** to the ward doctor (e.g. photocopies of clinical records of previous hospital stays, X-rays, tests, other specialist examinations, etc.).

Your **clothing** must be as plain as possible: a nightdress or pyjamas, dressing gown, tracksuit, underwear, socks and closed slippers, personal hygiene items, etc.

Patients should bring little money with them and avoid bringing precious objects (watches, jewels, etc.).

They should provide the telephone number of a relative or person of trust to be contacted should the need arise.

WELCOMING PROCEDURE

For admission, the Patient and/or a relative must come to the **Reception Office/PRO, preferably from 8.30 to 10.00 a.m., Monday to Saturday**, to open the patient record.

The patient is given the *Privacy statement* and will be requested to sign the *consent form to data processing* and the informed consent to treatment.

The Patient is received in the ward by the nurses, who will provide him and his family with the information about the stay.

LIFE IN THE WARD

All the **rooms** have 2 beds, except for some **single rooms**, available at a higher price.

The **staff** is readily identifiable from the uniform they wear: the **doctors** wear a white coat, the Nursing coordinators wear a maroon uniform; the **nurses** have a green uniform; the **physiotherapists** wear a white uniform with a dark green polo shirt; the **healthcare operators** and the **care assistants** wear a sky blue uniform.

Each one of them has an **ID badge** with their full name and qualification attached to their uniforms.

At the head of the bed there is a **pushbutton panel** that you can use, when necessary, to call the staff (red pushbutton) and turn on the bed head light (yellow pushbutton) and the room light.

Inside the bathroom, there is a pull button near the shower tray for calling the staff if the need arises (cord with a red bell).

There is a pushbutton panel near the entrance door for use by the staff, so it is not to be used by the patient.

Each patient is received by the **Rehabilitation team**, made up of several professionals (head physician, specialist doctors, ward doctor, Nursing coordinator, nurses, physiotherapists, speech therapist, etc.). The team includes a **reference nurse** and **physiotherapist** assigned to the patient.

The pharmacological treatments are prescribed by the doctors and administered by the nurses; **the patient will not be allowed to handle his/her own treatment under any circumstances.**

The ward doctor is available for **interviews** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 12.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Interviews can be arranged with the specialists through the nursing coordinator.

All the staff will give the patient the very best treatment and care; it is therefore not necessary to offer tips or gifts of any kind.

In every ward there is a display case containing a **User satisfaction questionnaire**, through which to express an opinion, which will remain anonymous, on the quality of the care received.

For any **reports, complaints, positive and negative observations**, the Nursing coordinator can be asked for a

form, which, once filled in, can be posted in one of the display cases present in every ward and at the main entrance of the nursing home or sent by ordinary post (to Direzione Sanitaria, Piazza del Campidano n. 6 - 00162 Roma) or by fax to the number 06 44 00 52 58.

**VISITS FROM
FRIENDS AND
RELATIONS**

The visiting time is as follows:

EVERY DAY INCLUDING SUNDAYS/HOLIDAYS	From	12.30	to	7.00
		p.m.		p.m.

In special cases, a relative or someone dear to the patient can be present outside normal visiting hours. In this case, the nursing coordinator must be asked for a **permit**, authorized by the ward doctor, which must be exhibited at the switchboard whenever the visitor enters the building outside normal visiting hours.

RULES FOR VISITORS

Visits from friends and relations represent a long-awaited moment for the patients during their stay, giving them encouragement and an opportunity to socialize; visitors are however requested to behave respectfully.

Visitors are kindly requested:

- To respect the visiting hours exhibited at the entrance of the Nursing home and in every ward
- To respect the patients' need for peace and quiet
- Not to obstruct in any way the doctors, nurses, care assistants or physiotherapists during their activities with the patients. Visitors are therefore not allowed to enter the gym during physiotherapy, to stay in the rooms during the ward rounds, patient care and washing operations and administration of the treatment
- Not to bring food and drinks apart from those listed on page 5
- Not to crowd the rooms (no more than two visitors should be present per patient)
- Not to bring children aged under twelve into the ward; children are only allowed in the common areas on the ground floor.
- For reasons of hygiene, do not sit or place bags or clothes on the beds or tables, visitors should avoid using the toilets in the rooms and bringing plants and flowers into the rooms.

EXIT PERMITS

For justified reasons, the Patient can ask to leave the Nursing home on a short permit. These permits must not last for more than six hours and the patients must always return

before 8 p.m..

The request for a permit is to be made to the Nursing coordinator the day before the exit and is subject to the opinion of the ward doctor, who must assess whether there are any contraindications.

SILENCE The rule of silence and tranquillity of the ward must be respected, above all between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. of the following day.

Mobile phones should also be used as little as possible, paying particular attention to keeping the ring volume as low as possible. Patients should not remain outside their rooms after 10 p.m..

CLEANING It is important to keep the room clean and tidy; underwear and personal articles are to be placed in the patient's wardrobe or beside cupboard, to make cleaning easier. Deck chairs, flowers and plants should not be kept in the rooms as they occupy precious space .

SMOKING Smoking is strictly prohibited in all areas of the nursing home. The fines imposed are those laid down in the legislation in force. It should also be remembered that, due to the presence of smoke detectors, smoking in the nursing home may set off the fire alarm and trigger the emergency procedures.

MEALS Having learned the patient's eating habits and the relevant clinical information, our *Dietary service* elaborates the most suitable diet plan for each patient. For special needs, the ward doctors will prescribe "*special meals*".

Religious dietary requirements are to be promptly reported to the nursing coordinator so that this kind of need can be satisfied.

The day's meals are served at the following times:

BREAKFAST:	7.30 a.m.	LUNCH:	12.30 p.m.	DINNER	:	6 p.m.
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RULES FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR VISITORS

(in observance of EC Reg. 178/2002 and EC Reg. 852/2004– Food hygiene)

In order to safeguard the health of patients staying in the nursing home, the amount and type of food brought by friends and relations must be limited.

In fact, failure to preserve the food may lead to toxic infections and/or food poisoning.

The food and drinks received from outside must be kept exclusively in the bedside cupboards and not in the wardrobes. The nursing coordinator or health director can be asked for further explanations and indications.

FOODS TO BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS

- Tomato sauce
- Other sauces
- Cream
- Cream-filled cakes and biscuits
- Cold cuts
- Milk
- Yogurt
- Fresh and seasoned dairy products (cheese)
- All cooked foods (meat, pasta, etc.)

FOODS THAT CAN BE GIVEN TO PATIENTS WITHOUT ANY RISKS

- Bottled water
- Closed fruit juices (single-dose only)
- Canned drinks
- Dry biscuits with no filling, in single-portion packs
- Cakes with no filling (sponge cakes)
- Bread
- Crackers and bread sticks (single-portion only)
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- Breakfast cereals (e.g. *Cornflakes*)
- Fruit in small quantities for immediate consumption (any leftover fruit must be given to the staff)
- Dry fruit
- Packaged chocolates and sweets
- Jam (single portions only)
- Honey (single portions only)
- Homogenized foods (once open, any leftovers must be given to the staff for disposal)

Patients on special diets must contact the ward doctor or dietician before eating food brought by friends and relations.

OTHER SERVICES

RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE

For Catholic patients, Mass is celebrated on holidays in the room on the ground floor of the nursing home at 10.00 a.m.. There is also a chapel on the ground floor of the nursing home.

The chaplain is at patients' disposal; he can be contacted through the nursing coordinator or the operator.

The nursing home also provides religious assistance to patients of other religions. Also in this case, the nursing coordinator should be contacted.

PRIVATE, ADDITIONAL NON-HEALTH CARE

Through its staff, the Nursing home provides direct care to the patients but, in special cases, the presence of staff that provide a patient with continuous care outside visiting hours can be authorized.

ROOM TELEPHONE, INTERNET CONNECTION,

A telephone connection can be activated in the room at a cost of € 2.60 a day. **10% VAT is to be added to these costs.** The request to activate these services should be made to Reception office/PRO; upon activation of these services, an account of € 26.00 plus 10% VAT (equivalent to 10 days of use) must be paid. A Wi-Fi internet connection can be activated free of charge by asking for one at the Reception Office, who will provide a password.

CORRESPONDENCE

Patients can receive post (ordinary letters, registered letters, packages, etc.). All correspondence should be addressed to the Nursing home (Piazza del Campidano, 6 - 00162 Roma), indicating the name of the intended recipient. Patients can also send correspondence from the nursing home, by contacting the Nursing coordinator.

SINGLE ROOM

The solvent department has some single rooms at its disposal. To occupy a single room, without a guest, you can request the Reception Office/PRO; the room costs € 70.00 per day (plus 10% VAT). Use of the single room **with a guest** costs € 90.00 per day (plus 10% VAT), without meals for the guest and € 110.00 per day (plus 10% VAT) with meals for the guest.

HAIRDRESSER, CHIROPODIST AND MANICURE

Patients that intend to use the hairdresser, chiropodist or manicure services will be given a document entitled "Private services to be paid for by the guests" (IO.72A.17), containing indications of the prices of these services and how the service is organized. The appointments are to be arranged and the services paid for exclusively by the patient, a relative or reference person of his/hers. The invoice/receipt is to be paid directly to the operator at the end of the appointment.

All the staff will therefore not be involved in regulating the relationship between the operator and the patients and/or their reference relations.

BAR

The Bar, which is on the basement floor, is at the patients' disposal from 7.30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Saturday; the Bar can be contacted on the telephone for room service by dialling **261**. The Bar can also be accessed from the external courtyard.

VALUABLE ITEM DEPOSIT

Valuable items and/or money can be held in safe custody by Reception office upon admission. The service is free of charge.

DISCHARGE

Every kind of disease requires an **appropriate rehabilitation period**, the length of which is established on the basis of international medical literature data (EBM – *Evidence Based Medicine*); the Rehabilitation team elaborates a **Rehabilitation plan** and the times necessary to implement it, taking account of the patient's basic medical conditions and any other concomitant diseases that may affect the duration of the stay.

The head physician schedules the discharge on the basis of this ; the discharge date is communicated a few days earlier so that the relatives or caregivers can organize the patient's return to his/her normal daily and work activities. The patient must organize his/her return home in a private vehicle.

Patients are normally discharged from the ward in the morning before 9.30 on the established day. The Patient will be given a **Discharge report** that summarizes all the medical services and rehabilitation received, the reports and results of examinations conducted; it also contains indications for a healthy lifestyle, any medical treatment and clinical and instrumental tests to be carried out later on, where necessary.

If use has been made of paid services, such as a single room or a room telephone, the payment must be made, **before leaving the nursing home**, at the Reception office/PRO.

If the patient asks to be discharged "*against medical advice*", he/she will have to sign this request in his/her clinical record so as to relieve the nursing home of all responsibility for this decision.

THE CLINICAL RECORD

Once discharged, the patient can ask the Reception office/PRO for a **true copy of his/her patient record**.

The cost of the copy of the file is € 20.00 if it is collected from the Reception office/PRO and € 32.00 if the guest requests it be sent by post. The payment is to be made when this request

is made.

The copy can be collected 30 days after the request exclusively:

- by the holder of the clinical record exhibiting a valid identity document;
- by a person with a valid identity document expressly delegated by the patient in writing and with a photocopy of the latter;
- by the guardian or administrator, with a valid identity document and the necessary documentation;
- If the patient has deceased, by the persons entitled, exhibiting a valid identity document and the necessary documentation.

A copy of the X-rays performed during the stay and recorded on a CD, can be requested from the Reception office/PRO at a cost of € 20.00; the CD can be collected within seven workdays of the request again from Reception office/PRO.

The **admission certificate**, which may be necessary, for example, for work, is released by Reception/PRO.

RECEPTION OFFICE/PRO

The Reception Office/PRO is situated at the main entrance of the Nursing home and is open: Monday to Saturday 8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., excluding holidays.

At Reception office/PRO, you can:

1. receive information about all the health services
2. activate and pay for additional services
3. ask for the forms required for admission
4. ask for information and the forms necessary for **paid stays**
5. ask for and collect a copy of the clinical record
6. ask for a copy of the X-rays performed during the stay on a CD
7. make any reports, positive and negative observations, suggestions and complaints
8. submit the forms filled in for ordinary admission and the day hospital and access the medical commission.

You can contact the Reception office/PRO at the telephone number 06 44 00 53 00 during its opening times or by sending a message to the e-mail address **accettazione@policlinicoitalia.it**

THE SOCIAL SERVICE

The Social Service may be used as a guide for the patient and his relations if they have social and care problems regardless of whether these problems are associated with the disease,

admission and discharge, with a focus on the ill person, his/her family and humanization of the care facility.

The Social Service therefore:

- provides information on the continuity of care, i.e. the possibility of continuing the care pathway at other local facilities (Extensive rehabilitation, retirement homes, hospices, etc.) or at home (activation of home care, etc.).
- offers advice for handling care and bureaucratic operations in general (e.g. request for aids from the Local Health Authorities, transport for the disabled, recognition of civil invalidity and attendance allowance, etc.)
- offers information on the presence of social services operating in the patient's place of residence, for protective returns home, etc.
- Directs the family members of non-resident patients to accommodation facilities (hotels, religious houses, etc.) situated near the Nursing home.

The Social worker is available for interviews with users every day, Monday to Friday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m., but an appointment can be fixed at other times. To fix an appointment with the Social worker, simply contact the nursing coordinator of your ward .

OTHER SERVICES PRESENT AT THE NURSING HOME

THE SPECIALIST OUTPATIENT CLINIC

The Outpatient clinic of the nursing home provides private specialist services not covered by the National Health Service, to external patients. The prices and conditions of payment are indicated on the price lists, which can be consulted at the Reception office of the outpatient clinic.

1.1. SPECIALIST VISITS

Medical examinations in the following fields can be performed at the outpatient clinic: **Cardiology, Geriatrics, Otorhinolaryngoiatry and Phoniatics, Gastroenterology, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Urology, Endocrinology, Pulmonology, Orthopaedics.**

1.2. DIAGNOSTIC AND INSTRUMENTAL EXAMINATIONS

The diagnostic and instrumental examinations that can be conducted at the outpatient clinic are:

Radiology (Conventional X-rays)

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Internal medicine
Muscles and tendons
Cardiology: Colour Doppler echocardiography
Vascular: Colour Doppler ultrasound of the limbs and epiaortic vessels

Endocrinology
Urology

CLINICAL TESTS

CARDIOVASCULAR DIAGNOSTICS LABORATORY

Electrocardiogram-Echocardiogram-Holter cardiac and pressure monitor

NEUROLOGICAL DIAGNOSTICS LABORATORY

Electroencephalogram – Electromyography –
Electroneurography

1.3. PHYSIATRY OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT (DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT)

The Physiatry outpatient department (diagnosis and treatment) provides the following services:

- Orthopaedic, neurological, cardiological and respiratory rehabilitation
- Postural re-education
- Manual treatment: Massage therapy • Lymphatic drainage • Myofascial release and connective tissue massage • Osteopathy, etc.
- Therapy with physical means: Tecar therapy® • Ionophoresis • Ultrasound • Magnetotherapy • Laser therapy • TENS, etc.
- Ozone therapy

1.4. MOTION ANALYSIS LABORATORY

The Motion analysis laboratory is equipped with the SMART D system, designed for use in the rehabilitation and orthopaedic department for the kinematic assessment of motion in general and is used for the three-dimensional reconstruction of motion through the acquisition of the data concerning kinematics, surface electromyography and dynamics. The data obtained in this way are completed and compared instantly with a database of normal data from the population and the resulting assessment is important to customize the treatment and rehabilitation.

1.5. BOOKING OUTPATIENT EXAMINATIONS

Specialist examinations and instrumental examinations can be booked Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

- on the telephone, to the number 06 44 00 52 64
- in person, at the Reception desk of the outpatient departments, on the ground floor beside the telephone

exchange.

All the information about the outpatient activities can be obtained by sending a message to the e-mail address poliambulatorio@policlinicoitalia.it

No prescription from your general practitioner is necessary to make the booking. On the contrary, a medical prescription is indispensable to book an X-ray examination.

The specialist service can be paid for at the outpatient clinic in cash, using a debit card or a credit card.

The reports of instrumental and laboratory examinations can be given exclusively:

- to the person they concern;
- an expressly delegated person with an identity document, a proxy and identity document of the delegating person;
- for a minor, to the person concerned with a valid identity document or to the person who exercises parental authority;
- to a guardian or administrator equipped with a valid identity document and the necessary documentation .

The X-rays performed, recorded on a CD, can be obtained from the Reception office of the outpatient clinic, by paying a sum of € **20.00**; the CD can be collected, again from the Reception office within seven workdays of the request.

CHARTER OF PATIENTS' RIGHTS

The patient has the right:

- To be assisted and cared for with kindness and attention, in respect of the ethical principles and human dignity, regardless of their nationality, sexual orientation, political opinions and religious beliefs;
- Always to be identified with their name rather than the number and name of his/her disease, according to a practice that is no longer tolerable. He/she also has the right to be called, in Italian, using the polite "Lei" form;
- To obtain information from the health facility about the services it provides, the methods of access to them and the responsibilities for them. The patient also has the right to be able to immediately identify the persons responsible for caring for him/her;
- to obtain from the healthcare operator responsible for caring for him/her complete and comprehensible information about the diagnosis of the disease, the treatment proposed and related prognosis;
- to be able to refuse a diagnostic or therapeutic treatment;
- To receive news that enable him/her to express effectively informed consent, except in urgent cases in which a delay may pose a health hazard, before being subjected to treatments or procedures; this information must also concern the possible risks and discomfort resulting from treatment Where the healthcare

operator is convinced that direct information is contraindicated, it can be supplied to relatives or those who exercise parental authority over the patient unless the patient expresses his disagreement;

- To receive the best care available and to be informed of the possibility of conducting alternative investigations and treatments, even if they can be provided at different facilities. If the patient is not able to make his/her own decisions, the same information can be given to the persons indicated in the previous point
- to maximum confidentiality of his/her personal details, including information about health, the examinations conducted and treatments received;
- To make observations, praise and complaints, which are to be examined without delay, and be promptly informed of their outcome.

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