LEWIS BLACKMAN PATIENT SAFETY ACT HOSPITAL INFORMATION

Dear Patient:

Thank you for choosing Southern Palmetto Hospital for your care. We want to provide you with the best care during your stay with us.

You will be receiving services provided by many persons within Southern Palmetto Hospital. For your comfort, we want to inform you about these people. Examples of these people are nursing students, medical students, consulting physicians, and other medical trainees. These clinical staff members may participate in direct patient care and are under the supervision of a properly appointed hospital approved person.

If you are to stay in the hospital, you will be admitted by a doctor considered to be your "attending physician." If this physician is unable to see you on a particular day, he or she will designate another doctor to see you in order to help cover your care. Your doctor may also ask other physicians to help with your care. Please ask your physician or nurse to explain to you who other persons involved in your care are, if you are not sure.

All staff members, people in learning, as well as doctors on the medical staff, will be wearing a badge clearly stating their name, department, and job or title. We do this to assist you in knowing who is involved in your personal care, treatment decisions, or surgical procedures.

The nursing staff is frequently in contact with the physicians and others involved in your care. If, at any time you have questions, please contact your nurse/clinical staff member. The nurse or clinical staff member will promptly provide a means allowing you to independently access a physician, clinical supervisor, and/or member of administration. If you want your nurse or clinical staff member to contact the attending physician or any other physician helping you with your care, they will promptly access them on your behalf if requested.

Southern Palmetto Hospital thanks you for allowing us the opportunity to assist with your medical care needs.

I have received Southern Palmetto Hospital’s Lewis Blackman Patient Safety Act Information Sheet, which includes patients' rights as defined in the Lewis Blackman Patient Safety Act of 2005.

_________________________________                        _________________________________
Patient/Representative                                                       SPH Witness

Date:__________ Time:__________                                Date:__________  Time:__________

[ ] Patient is medically unable to sign the Lewis Blackman Safety Act of 2005.