

Frequently Asked Questions

Information about Immigration and Health Care

Thank you for choosing Johns Hopkins Medicine (JHM) for your health care needs. It is important to know that all of our patients have the same rights. We know you may have questions, and we want to ease your mind so you can focus on your health care needs.

Question: What should I do if I cannot speak English?

Answer: Johns Hopkins provides free interpreters for people whose primary language is not English. Please let our team know if you would like an interpreter.

Question: Will the hospital or emergency room report me to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)?

Answer: No. We do not share your information with local police or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), unless legally required (for example, valid court order, warrant, or subpoena).

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Question: Can an emergency room at a JHM hospital deny me or my child care if I'm an immigrant?

Answer: No. All patients are welcome at Johns Hopkins Medicine.

Question: What if I have concerns about my experience at Johns Hopkins?

Answer: If you have concerns and are still in the hospital please notify a member of your care team immediately. If you have left the hospital or are being cared for in the outpatient clinic setting please call the Patient Relations/Patient Experience office.

The following information does not constitute legal advice or necessarily reflect the views, opinions, or a position of the Johns Hopkins institutions. Please contact an attorney or immigration rights organization for more information.

MAKING A PLAN (for child care, dependent adult care and family preparedness) and OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Make sure all information and emergency contacts are up to date at your children's school(s) including who can and cannot pick up your children.
- Create a sheet of emergency numbers and contact information so that you, your family and your emergency contact person can easily access them.
- Create a file of important documents (for example, copies of birth certificates, SSNs, health insurance cards, passports, IDs) so that you, your family and your emergency contact person can easily access them.
- Register your child's birth with your country's government (for example, with your country's consulate) if your child was born in the United States.
- If a governmental official appears at your home and wants to enter, you can ask if they have a warrant signed by a judge.
- If a governmental official tries to force his or her way into your home, you can ask to speak to a lawyer.
- You should not provide false information or documentation, resist arrest or flee from authorities.
- In general, you should seek legal guidance concerning your due process rights specific to not answering questions, signing documents, or sharing information without legal representation.

The resources listed below may address legal questions you may have that fall outside our focus as health care providers. The resource list is subject to change. Please contact the organizations directly to confirm availability.

Mayor's Office of Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs (MIMA)

<https://mayor.baltimorecity.gov/post-election-2016-statements-and-community-information-o>

https://mayor.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/MIMA%20Community%20Information%20Post%20Election%202016_o.pdf

National Immigration Law Center

<https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/know-your-rights>

Know Your Rights materials from UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza)

<https://www.unidosus.org/issues/immigration/resources/rights>

Esperanza Center

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/esperanza-center/>