

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you or a loved one is being transferred to another hospital, you have the right to be part of that decision.

CHOOSE HIGH QUALITY CARE – CLOSER TO HOME




From NICU stays to advanced cardiac care and many specialized services in between, **Forrest General Hospital** delivers expert-level care right here in **South Mississippi** – without the need to travel far. **Stay close to family. Stay close to support.**

WHEN A TRANSFER IS NEEDED

- ☐ You have the right to be involved in decisions about hospital transfers.
- ☐ Transfers may be recommended for specialized care, but you can ask why it's needed.
- ☐ You don't have to accept a transfer without understanding all your options.
- ☐ Always ask if staying closer to home is possible.



WHO CAN HELP

-  **Case Manager** – Helps coordinate care and discuss hospital options.
-  **Social Worker** – Supports you emotionally and helps navigate insurance and logistics.
-  **Patient Advocate** – Ensures your voice is heard and your rights are respected.

These team members are there to guide and support YOU through the decision-making process.

WHAT TO ASK

- “Can I be transferred closer to my family?”
- “Is [Hospital Name] an option for me?”
- “Why is this transfer necessary?”
- “Who can I talk to about choosing where I go?”
- “How does my insurance affect my choices?”



HOW TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOU

- ☐ Think about what's important to you, consider family support, specialized care, and distance.
- ☐ Consider staying local if your medical needs can be met closer to home.
- ☐ Ask about all available options, not just the default recommendation.
- ☐ Your care team can help you weigh the benefits of different hospitals.
- ☐ Remember, the best choice is the one that meets your family's needs with the right level of care.

