

Volunteer Codex

The **Volunteers in Hospitals Programme** is a social programme whose mission consists of contribution to improvement of psychosocial conditions of patients in hospitals.

The volunteer devotes a part of his/her leisure time to others' benefit.

The volunteer in a hospital can help patients to spend their long time under treatments meaningfully; he/she can organize various activities to ease the patients' hospitalization.

The volunteer is obliged:

- To fully respect the physical and mental state of the patients whose benefit is always the highest priority.

- To adhere the time table and to the scope of the volunteering activity specified in the Contract for volunteer activity.

- To adhere to the work rules at individual workplaces.

- To adhere to the principle of reticence

- To take part in supervision meetings regularly and to closely co-operate with the volunteer coordinator and the contact person at the related station

- To take part in individual supervision if required by the coordinator or the contact person.

The volunteer never acts as a substitute for the ward personnel. The volunteer has no access to client's medical records, no right to inform anyone of client's medical conditions, he/she is not allowed to manipulate either with medicaments or with sanitary material.

The volunteer confirms with his/her signature that he/she does not suffer from any contagious diseases, urgent sign of mental disorder and that his/her medical condition does not prevent him/her from exercising voluntary activities in a hospital. The volunteer is aware of the fact that violation of any of the rules mentioned above can result in his/her releasing from the programme.

The volunteer is entitled:

- To be trained duly and to be chosen for an activity that would allow him/her to use his/her knowledge and experience to the greatest benefit of the client and that would reward the volunteer with sufficient satisfaction

- To obtain a special training according to the location of his/her activities

- To address the contact person or the coordinator anytime in case of any problems or questions

- To ask for individual supervision if justified.
- To ask the co-ordinator for relocation in reasoned cases when the current location does not suit him/her

date

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