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## Establish and maintain partnerships with patients

- 46. You must be polite and considerate.
- 47. You must treat patients as individuals and respect their dignity and privacy.<sup>12</sup>
- 48. You must treat patients fairly and with respect whatever their life choices and beliefs.
- 49. You must work in partnership with patients, sharing with them the information they will need to make decisions about their care,<sup>15</sup> including:
  - a. their condition, its likely progression and the options for treatment, including associated risks and uncertainties
  - b. the progress of their care, and your role and responsibilities in the team
  - c. who is responsible for each aspect of patient care, and how information is shared within teams and among those who will be providing their care
  - d. any other information patients need if they are asked to agree to be involved in teaching or research.<sup>9</sup>

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