The Palliative Care Patients’ Rights

1. You have a right to equal respect. Your life, despite the illness, is valuable and important.

2. You have the right to receive quality health care provided by the government through health care workers.

3. You have the right to be communicated with effectively, honestly, and with compassion.

4. You have the right to receive information about your health condition or any matter related to your health in order for you to make informed decisions.

5. You have the right to receive a pain and symptom assessment and treatment, including access to essential medicines.

6. You have the right to seek and receive legal support and advice from your nearest legal service provider.

7. You have the right to appoint an attorney to act and make decisions on your behalf.

8. You have the right to receive advice from legal service providers on practical steps that you may take to protect your property, such as will making and preparation of a broader succession plan and child care provision.

9. You have the right to expect that information that you share with health care workers or legal advisers will be treated confidentially.

These are developed from chapter 4 of the Constitution of Uganda ‘promotion and protection of human rights and freedoms’