

**GEORGIA'S
PATIENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW
ACT OF 2001**

Georgia's *Patient Right to Know Act*, passed during the 2001 legislative session of the Georgia General Assembly, requires physicians to post a notice in their waiting rooms advising their patients of certain rights effective April 11, 2001. Accordingly:

*The patient has the right to file a grievance with the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners concerning the physician, his/her office and treatment received. The patient should either call the Board with such a complaint or send a written complaint to the Board:

Composite State Board of Medical Examiners
2 Peachtree Street, N.W. 10th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303-3456
(404) 656-3913

*The Board is required to investigate every grievance filed and respond in writing.

*The Board will create physician profiles available to the public. (Information such as doctor's education, experience, disciplinary actions, malpractice judgments or felony convictions)

*The patient has the right to inquire about the cost of treatment prior to receiving treatment.