

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PATIENT**

**You and U.S. Medical Equipment are partners in your health care plan. To insure appropriate care, you must understand your role in your health care program. You are responsible:**

1. To provide complete and accurate information concerning your past and present health, health history, medications, allergies, etc., when appropriate to your care/service.
2. To be involved, as needed and as able, in developing, carrying out, and modifying your service plan, such as properly using, cleaning and storing your equipment and supplies.
3. To review safety materials and maintain a safe environment in your home.
4. To request additional assistance or information on any aspect of using your equipment you do not fully understand.
5. To notify your attending physician when you feel ill, or encounter any unusual physical or mental stress or sensations.
6. To cooperate with USME staff, respond to requests for additional information and be available for scheduled deliveries and appointments.
7. To notify USME of changes in your insurance information, address or telephone number.
8. To notify USME if you have a problem with equipment or service.
9. To notify USME if you are hospitalized or if your physician modifies or discontinues your prescription for home medical equipment or supplies.
10. To meet your financial responsibilities for equipment and supplies provided to you.
11. To follow your physician's directions and any educational guidelines offered by USM as part of your disease management program efforts.
12. To accept the consequences of failure to follow your physician's orders and/or USME's instructions.
13. To make a conscious effort to properly care for equipment supplied and to comply with all other aspects of the home health care plan.