## The Empowered Patient: "A Personal Resolution"

## I resolve to:

Explore my options
Choose what works best for me
Refuse to be denied access
Refuse to accept barriers
Know my rights and responsibilities
Recognize when others lack respect
Respect myself first
Accept nothing less from others

Refuse to be arrogant when facing opposition Know my ground, and stand it Recognize abuse from others Refuse to ever accept it Work toward peaceful resolution Never seek 'peace at any price' Recognize when to fight for rights And when to move forward alone

Remember that the spirit must be free Accept no manipulation
Recognize other's true motives
Recognize when words don't feel "right"
Trust my gut instinct
Recognize that our Knowing is our safety
Seek safety in all situations
Recognize another's personal agenda

Be respectful of others' needs Allow for individual expression Allow for my own mistakes Forgive the mistakes of others Trust my internal wisdom Allow myself to love freely Accept no strings to love Begin with self-love

Make the world a better place Seek solutions rather than conflict Seek consensus when appropriate Seek to support another's journey Let my love be for all humanity Judge another only by actions Enjoy the specialness of human diversity Seek daily to live freely.