## What is a Patient Advocate?

- helps patients communicate with their healthcare providers, so they get the information they need for informed consent
- may step in to help resolve issues with care and communication.
- may also help patients set up appointments for doctor visits and medical tests and get financial, legal, and social support.
- Most Patient Advocates provided by the hospital are employed by the hospital. It may be prudent to have the contact information for an independent advocacy organization so you can have greater access to trusted support. Team TFVC recommends <u>Graith Care</u>