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Gaylord, Michigan

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POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

DEPARTMENT: Nursing Service
DISTRIBUTION: All Nursing Departments

RE: Visitation Code# NA.v.01

KEY WORDS: Visitors, visitation

POLICY: Our goal is to provide patients a safe and comfortable environment that promotes rest and recovery and prevents the spread of infection.

PROCEDURE:

1. Routinely, 1-2 persons will be allowed to visit at any given time. Others will be directed to the waiting room. Exceptions will be approved by the shift coordinator or primary nurse as outlined below.
2. Persons with known or suspected infectious illness will be discouraged from visiting.
3. Patients who reside in foster care homes should have home attendant/caregiver with them.
4. It is encouraged for a parent/guardian to be present at all times with minors.
5. Patients are instructed to have a responsible adult present in the hospital during their surgical procedure. If responsible adult is not available patient must supply AC staff with phone number and name of emergency contact person.
6. Visitors will be directed to the waiting room during assessments, treatments and teaching. Visitors may stay with the consent of the patient.
7. All visitors that are in the building between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM must adhere to the guidelines that are reflected in the Security/Identification of Persons in Hospital Policy, #ADM.s.04.

Emergency Room

1. One visitor will be allowed to accompany the patient to the treatment area. All other visitors will be directed to the waiting area.
2. The visitor with the patient will be asked to keep other family and friends informed of the patient's condition.
3. Visitors may be asked to leave the bedside at any time at the discretion of the nurse or physician.
4. Parents may stay in the Emergency Department with a child if the parent is not a detriment to proper treatment.
5. The nurse or physician in charge shall determine if the assistance of a police agency is necessary to control the environment of traffic in the department.

Intensive Care

1. Visitors are restricted to immediate family and clergy.
2. Two individuals may visit for ten minutes every hour. Exceptions may be made by the individual primary nurse.
3. Families are encouraged to wait in the waiting room and leave a phone number where they can be reached if they decide to leave.

Medical/Surgical

1. Visiting hours are 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily.
2. Healthy children of all ages are allowed when accompanied by an adult, unless their behavior becomes disruptive.
3. Generally a patient is allowed two visitors at a time. Additional visitors will be directed to the lobby or waiting room.
4. Ambulatory patients or those allowed up in a wheelchair may visit their family in the waiting room.
5. The immediate family of a patient having surgery is allowed to visit anytime the day of surgery.
6. There are no specific hours of visitation for pediatric patients.
7. Isolation Patients: Visitation is restricted and will be designated by the shift coordinator. All visitors are to receive specific instructions concerning protective apparel and patient contact.
8. Patients will be allowed extended visitation at the discretion of the shift coordinator.
9. Exceptions to the visiting hours may be made only upon approval of the shift coordinator.

Obstetrical Department

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Birthing Center personnel reserve the right to ask visitors to wait in the waiting room, or leave the premises for issues related to patient's condition or for any disruptive behavior. Visitors are asked to not wait in the hallway, but relocate to the waiting room. Mother and infant health is the main priority. Therefore visitors who are ill will not be permitted to visit. Siblings of the infant are encouraged to visit, if they are in good health and not disruptive. All visitors must check in at the desk prior to entering patient room.

Labor-Delivery

1. Support person(s) of mother's choice may be present as space allows, as long as patient's condition is stable and not negatively affected by additional people in the room.
2. Children of the patient will be allowed in the Labor and Delivery suite if patient's condition allows, and children are not disruptive. One other responsible adult, besides the significant support person is in attendance to assume responsibility for the child.
3. The patient's appointed support person will be allowed to accompany them to

the operating room for cesarean delivery, as patient's condition allows. If patient has general anesthesia, then OR access is not possible. For this instance, the support person will be placed in an area that allows for prompt connection with newborn, as soon as possible after the birth.

Post Partum

1. Visitation is from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM, with the exception of the support person who may visit at any time as patient's condition warrants.
2. Visitors are to wash their hands prior to holding an infant.
3. A support person may spend the night in a second bed if the OB census allows. All other visitors may return in the morning to resume visitation if the mother desires.

Antepartum/GYN

1. Visitation is from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM as the patient's condition warrants.

Revised by: Diane Fisher

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