

Family Presence/Visiting Guidelines for the Children's Hospital at MUMC

We encourage the presence and participation of families and others in the physical care and emotional support of our patients. The guidelines below are intended to provide a structure that allows for care and support with minimal inconvenience while also providing a safe and secure environment for treatment and healing.

Parents, legal guardians, designated adult caregivers, and spouse/significant other are important to a patient's treatment and recovery, and are always welcome at The Children's Hospital 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Normal visiting hours 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m

- Family and friends are an essential part of the healing process for patients and are welcome during normal visiting hours.
- We request **no more than four parents/visitors at the patient's bedside at one time**. For special circumstances, please talk to your child's nurse in order to plan for additional visitors.
- Due to space restrictions and the condition of the patients, the **intensive care areas (PICU and NICN) can only accommodate two parents/visitors at the patient's bedside**. Additional visitors are welcome to visit with the family in the waiting areas. There will also be times that these units will be closed for sterile procedures. Please see the nurse for specific information about these units.
- Siblings and other children of hospitalized patients may visit, as long as the patient's condition is well enough for such visits, during regular visiting hours of 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Please talk with your nurse for information about planning these visits. The length of the visit will be determined by the age and attention span of the child, the condition of the patient, and the unit's activities. Visits from siblings and other children will be suspended in the flu and respiratory illness season.

Quiet Time 10:00 p.m. – 6 a.m.

Hospitalized children need quiet, restful time in order to promote healing and recovery. Family and friends should visit during the normal visiting hours.

- **Please plan to have only one or two designated adults, who will be here to participate in your child's care, stay in the hospital overnight.**
- Please give the name(s) of the designated adult who will be staying with the child to your nurse each day, prior to the end of normal visiting hours.
- We are not able to accommodate siblings or additional children overnight.

Winter Flu and Respiratory Illness Season:

During the winter flu and respiratory illness season, additional guidelines will be added for the protection of your child and others in the community. Please see your nurse for additional information.