

Visiting a Patient at Stevenson Memorial Hospital

PROCEDURAL STEPS

- 1. During admission, patients will be asked to define their "family" and how they will be involved in care and decision making as partners in care.
 - a. The hospital will honor patients' choices unless these choices pose a threat of harm to patients, families, or staff or if there is a legal restriction.
- 2. Designated family members may visit patients at their discretion.
- 3. All other visitors are to check at the nurses' station to ensure the patient is accepting visitors prior to entering the patient's room.
- 4. The hospital's Main Entrance is to be used daily by all family members and visitors coming to see a patient.
- 5. All visitors will be encouraged to use the alcohol hand rinse on entry and exit from the hospital, on entry to the patient's room, and after assisting with patient care.
- 6. Families and visitors are to respect all hospital infection control procedures, and comply with signage on doors related to wearing of gown gloves or masks as indicated.
- 7. Families and visitors are to attend to the patient they are here to see and refrain from assisting other patients that may be in the room.
- 8. Any decisions to restrict or limit the presence of family or other visitors will be discussed with the patient and documented in the medical record.