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**PURPOSE:**

To guide in the visitation regulations established for ACADIAN MEDICAL CENTER to ensure Patient Safety is achieved while maintaining patient's rights to visitation.

**POLICY:**

The patient can expect that there will be appropriate guidelines for visitation within the Hospital to minimize the potential of infectious exposure, to promote patient and employee safety, as well as to protect patient's confidentiality.

Specific Guest/Visitor information is shared with each patient in the Patient Handbook.

The patient has the right to receive, subject to his/her consent, visitors designated by the patient, including but not limited to a spouse, domestic partner (including a same-sex domestic partner), another family member, or a friend. The patient also has the right to not have visitation restricted, limited, or denied based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender, identity, sexual orientation, or disability of their visitors.

The patient has right to withdraw or deny consent to visitation at any time.

See PEC/CEC/OPC policy for specific visitation allowed.

**PROCEDURE:**

**General Visiting Hours:**

- Visitors should leave the room promptly when treatment is to be given or when asked to leave by the hospital staff or physician.
- Visitors and patients are requested to speak quietly and to be considerate of other patients.
- Specialty Departments may have department specific policies against children visitation due to infection control guidelines.
- Patients are susceptible to other contagious illnesses, so persons with colds, sore throats or other contagious illnesses should not visit the patient.
- **Hospital Visitation begins at 5:30 AM** and all building entrances will be unlocked at this time.
- **Hospital Visitation ends at 9:00 PM and all building entrances are locked at this time, with the exception of the ED walk-in area. Anyone wishing to access the hospital must enter at this location.**
- After visiting hours, visitation will be at the discretion of the Unit's Charge nurse with assistance of the Security Guard.

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- When a visitor wishes to enter the hospital after hours, the ED Admit Clerk **MUST** call the appropriate Nurses Station and receive permission from the Charge Nurse before individuals are allowed to proceed to that unit. The ED Admit Clerk will document the visitors name in the Activity Log Book.
- The Security Guard **MUST** be called to escort the visitor to the patient's room.
- Visitors that engage in disruptive, threatening, or violent behavior of any kind will be asked to leave the unit and may be escorted by security if necessary.
- Specialty Unit Visiting Hours: Visitors may be limited or have time restrictions to prevent from interference with the care of the patient and/or the care of other patients, and/or infection control guidelines. See Department's Policy & Procedures
  - Visiting Policy- Women's Center
  - Visiting Policy- Nursery
  - Visitors, PACU
  - Visitation, ICU
  - Covid-19, Coronavirus + patient may have 2 asymptomatic visitors. Exceptions to be made for end of life circumstances, must be approved.

REMINDERS: Masks will be available to anyone who wishes to wear one.

Visitors will be subjective to symptom screening upon entering facility.

Please continue to practice good hygiene. Stay Safe, avoid touching your face, wash your hands often, practice social distancing, and stay home when you feel sick.

*\*The above guidance is subject to changes based off of CDC guidance and community trending data.*