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PURPOSE

To guide in the visitation regulations established for the Women's Center to ensure Patient Safety is achieved.

POLICY

Visitation in the Women's Center will be at the patient's request and at the discretion of the attending physician. After-visiting hours visitation will be at the discretion of the Charge nurse with assistance of the Security Guard.

- There are only 2 visitors permitted in the Birthing Room at a time during active labor.
- All other visitors must wait in the Women's Center waiting room.
- Children are not allowed to visit while the patient is in labor.
- There will be open visitation during the postpartum period. Visitors must check at the nurses' station prior to entering room.
- Twenty-four hour visiting for fathers and grandparents. Fathers and grandparents are encouraged to spend as much time as possible with their new baby and with the mother.
- All visitors, including siblings, are required to perform hand hygiene before holding the infant.
- Siblings (brothers and sisters) may visit till 9:00pm daily.
- Children under 12yrs old are not allowed to stay overnight.
- Anyone with contagious disease or exposed to a contagious disease may not visit at any time.
 - Determination must be made that the visitor is free of fever or contagious illness: (a) diarrhea, (b) cold sore or fever blister, (c) skin infections, (d) measles, mumps, chickenpox, (e) sore throat, or (f) any other infectious disease and this will be done by the nurse assigned to the patient in conjunction with Infection Control.
 - If the child/visitor has been exposed to a communicable disease and is still in the incubation period for that disease, he/she will not be allowed to visit. Measles (14 days), Rubella (24 days), Mumps (21 days), Chickenpox (21 days). The nurse will question the parents concerning this.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult at all times during their visit to the hospital and must remain in that mother's room.
- Only 1 visitor is allowed to spend the night.

PROCEDURE:

- Have patient sign the Women's Center Policy and Safety Agreement form upon admit.
- Visitors will report to the Women's Center Nurse's Station and will be given patient's room number along with permission to enter the room.

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- A. After-hours visitors that report to the Emergency Room entrance must have the clerk contact the Women's Center department and get permission from the Charge Nurse to allow Security to escort them to the patient's room.
- B. Visitors not abiding the visiting rules, will be asked to leave the unit and may be escorted by security if necessary.