

Visitation Policy

Purpose: Hill Country Memorial's Visitation Policy is designed to protect patients' privacy and increase their comfort. This guideline is to promote rest, allow time for healing and learning, preserve privacy, enhance infant security and reduce exposure to infection.

1. General Policy/Procedure

- 1.1 At Hill Country Memorial, visitors are welcome on our Obstetric unit
- 1.2 The primary support person may stay overnight in patients private room
- 1.3 Siblings of the new infant are not permitted to stay the night
- 1.4 Siblings may visit only when accompanied by an adult
- 1.5 All children must be supervised by someone other than the patient. If children are not being supervised, are being disruptive, and or creating an unsafe environment, then they may be asked to leave.
- 1.6 Children under the age of 12 will not be allowed to be left unattended in the waiting room unsupervised.
- 1.7 Mommy and Baby Nap time is between 2pm-4pm, patients are encouraged to rest and limit visitors
- 1.8 ALL Visitors who have had the following symptoms in the past 7 days May Not Visit:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Runny nose, cold or Respiratory Infection
 - Diarrhea or Vomiting
 - Rash
 - Exposed to chicken pox, measles, mumps, whooping cough, influenza, and impetigo or tuberculosis
- 1.9 The patients nurse, physician, and management have the right to refuse admission of any category of visitors or ask them to leave at any time the patients' needs or condition, unit activities, or visitor behaviors deem necessary. The staff reserves the right to call security to handle any unruly/violent family member or visitor.

2. Guidelines for Use of Video and Camera Equipment

- 2.1 Videos/pictures (via mobile phone, laptop computers, digital cameras) can only be taken of staff members with their knowledge and permission.
- 2.2 Videos and pictures can be taken during the labor process or operating room as long as permission is obtained from the OB team (eg. Nurse and OB provider, on a case by case basis)
- 2.3 Any member of the L&D staff may instruct that the use of any/all electronic devices cease or be destroyed if deemed necessary.
- 2.4 No filming and or pictures of medical care will be captured using electronic devices.

This includes but is not limited to vaginal exams, artificial rupture of membranes, placement of internal monitors, placement of regional anesthesia, discussions regarding the patients plan of care, actual birth process (vaginal or cesarean section delivery of infant, use of forceps or vacuum, expulsion of the placenta, and repair of laceration). This also includes medical care of an infant, ie resuscitation measures, medication administration, and circumcisions.