



PATIENT VISITATION RIGHTS

- Meridian Health Hospital's shall respect the patient's visitation rights.
- Visitation rights include the right, subject to patient consent, to receive the visitors whom he/she designates, including, but not limited to, a spouse, a domestic partner (including a same-sex domestic partner), another family member or a friend, and the right to withdraw or deny such consent at any time.
- Visitation shall only be restricted when it has been determined to be clinically necessary, or:
 - To protect the patient or others from injury
 - To prevent deterioration of the patient's condition
 - To prevent infringement on the rights of others
 - To prevent damage to the environment
 - To support the wishes and requests of the patient
- Patients shall be informed of their visitation rights, including any clinical restriction or limitation on such rights, upon admission.
- Visitors shall not be restricted, limited or otherwise denied on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability.
- Visitors shall enjoy full and equal visitation privileges consistent with patient preferences.
- Visitors should refrain from visiting if they are ill or not feeling well, or may have recently been exposed to communicable illness (i.e., flu, chicken pox, etc).
- In the event that the clinical team deems visitation needs to be restricted related to any of the above points, there shall be documentation in the clinical record regarding discussion with the patient.