

SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL POLICY MANUAL

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Subject : Equal Visitation Policy

Visiting A Patient

We welcome and encourage visitors, particularly family members and close friends, who can play a vital role in speeding a patient's recovery and return to optimal health. However, because too many visitors can tire a patient and disrupt other patients, only two visitors are allowed to see a patient at a time. In addition, children under 14 are not permitted to visit patient floors, except for sibling visit to the nursery. To safeguard the comfort of all our patients, visitors are asked to talk quietly and leave promptly when visiting hours have ended.

Visiting Schedule

North 2	11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
North 3	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Maternity	12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m. New parents are welcome at all times
Pediatrics	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Parents & caregivers are welcome at all times.
Intensive Care Unit (ICU)	10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The patient's condition is often critical. Visiting times should be kept short and limited to two visitors at a time. For assistance, please speak to the patient's nurse.

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In support of each patient's rights, Southampton Hospital allows patients to receive visitors that the patient designates including, but not limited to a spouse, domestic partner (including same sex domestic partner), family members or friends for emotional support during the course of his/her stay.

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Patients are able to withdraw or deny such consent at any time.

Southampton Hospital prohibits discrimination against visitors based on age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture, language, physical or mental disability, socioeconomic status, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.

Visitors designated by the patient (or support person, where appropriate) do not have to be related to the patient and shall enjoy visitation privileges that are not more restrictive than those that immediate family members would enjoy. This includes an identified caregiver, who would be expected to provide after-care assistance at home following discharge.