

# Medical-Surgical Unit Visitation Guidelines



Visitors play an important role in the care of hospitalized patients and are essential to the patient's physical or emotional well-being. At Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital, we want our patients to receive the best of care – and that includes visitation by friends and family. We also need to balance visitation with the need to keep all patients, staff, and other visitors safe and healthy.

Please review our visitation guidelines before your visit.



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## HOURS

Visiting hours for Medical-Surgical Unit patients start at 8 am and end at 8 pm. Visitors are encouraged to end visits by 8 pm out of respect for other patients.

## NUMBER OF VISITORS

Patients in semi-private rooms and observation areas are permitted two (2) visitors at a time.

Patients in private rooms are permitted four (4) visitors at a time.

These visitors may rotate and special circumstances may warrant additional visitors. Please bring any requests to your care team.

Family members under 18 must be with an adult. No visitors under 2 years of age are permitted; please make childcare arrangements.

## OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Patients in private rooms may have overnight visitors. Please discuss your needs with your care team.

## RESTRICTIONS

Visitors may be limited or restricted when visitation would interfere with the care of the patient and/or the care of other patients. Some examples include:

- A court order limiting or restraining contact
- Behavior presenting a direct risk or threat to a patient or the staff
- Behavior disruptive to the functioning of the patient care unit
- Patient's risk of infection by a visitor
- Visitor's risk of infection by the patient
- Extraordinary protections because of pandemic or infectious disease outbreak
- Patient's need for privacy and rest
- Need for privacy and rest by another individual(s) sharing the room

Non-adherence to APD's guidelines will result in denial of visitation.

**Thank you for being a part of APD's  
healing environment.**

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