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Bad Axe, Michigan

THUMB REGION

INFANT SAFETY SIGNATURE SHEET

At McLaren Thumb Region, we are very concerned about your infant's safety. Since most babies are rooming in, it is important for all families to be aware of their own infant's safety. Below is a list of expectations we require our families to follow in order to insure infant safety.

1. Your newborn will receive an ankle bracelet called hugs. This bracelet will cause doors leaving the OB Department when the baby gets within 10 feet of doors to lock down and set off an alarm notifying staff a baby is by the doors leaving the Department.
2. Your newborn will wear this bracelet from delivery until discharge.
3. Never leave your infant unattended. If you are using the bathroom or shower, notify your caregiver or return your baby to the Nursery.
4. Never let someone you don't know take your baby from your sight. This includes medical center personnel. If you have any doubt, call your nurse.
5. At McLaren Thumb Region, infants are not routinely returned to the Nursery except for lab work, physician's exam, or if the mother requests it while she sleeps. If anyone wants to take your infant for any other reason, question them. Ask them:
 Where is the baby going?
 Why?
 How long will it take?
 If you are not satisfied with the answers, don't let them take your baby. Request to see your nurse.
6. When walking in the hallway with your baby, always transport him/her in the crib. It is safer for your baby and it helps alert the staff to anyone attempting to exit the department quickly with a baby.
7. If your baby is fussy and you'd like to hold your baby while you walk, please do so only in your room, not in the hallway.
8. Keep your wristband on until you and your baby are discharged from the medical center. Your band will be checked with your baby's band for matching numbers.
9. Report any suspicious personnel or visitors to the nursing staff.
10. Do not take your baby to bed with you when you are going to sleep for the night. Your baby should be in his/her crib with the head of the crib elevated. Your baby should be positioned on the back or either side with a rolled receiving blanket at his/her back.
11. Your caregiver will be checking on your baby frequently through the day and night. She will be as unobtrusive as possible so as not to disturb you when you are asleep. However, the baby must be completely assessed twice during the night and this necessitates having your lights turned on.

I have read or have had read to me, I understand and I agree to comply with the above.

Signed: _____ Mother

Witnessed _____ RN

Date: _____