



THUMB REGION

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OB VISITING GUIDELINES

During your stay in our OB Department, we have set up guidelines to allow you to see visitors of your choice, including your children, while still allowing for safety and well being of both you and your baby.

Your visitors must be symptom-free of any signs of infection or contagious disease. Since the infant's immune system is immature, good handwashing with soap that is available in bathrooms is required for everyone before handling the infant.

1. Fathers may visit anytime. They can spend the night in the mother's room if they wish.
2. *Two support persons of your choice will be allowed in with mom for labor and delivery. These two support persons must be over the age of 18. No children under 18 will be allowed in the delivery area until the mom and baby are stable. This is a must for the safety of both mother and baby.

In the event of a cesarean section, only one support person will be allowed in the Operating Room. This is by the Anesthesiology Department with no exceptions. If the mom receives general anesthesia for any reason no support person will be allowed in the Operating Room.

During the Recovery Period after birth, only the father or the support person will be allowed to remain in the room. Recovery Period typically lasts for 1 hour and is at nurse's discretion.

3. No videotaping or photos in labor, delivery, or operating area until baby is stabilized and nurse allows.
4. Visiting hours are between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. for all others over the age of twelve.
Quiet time hours: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m and 10 p.m. – 5a.m. Visitors are encouraged to take breaks and leave the patient's room so their loved one can rest.
5. In promoting and enhancing the family unit, your children are encouraged to visit while you're staying with us. They will be given an "I Have a New Baby" sticker.
6. Two visitors per patient are recommended at a time. Children of visitors age 12 and under are allowed if accompanied by an adult, 18 years or older. Visitors are not permitted to stand in the hallway. They must wait in the OB waiting room.
7. Cover gowns will be provided for visitors to wear, if necessary.
8. Patients have a right to privacy and may limit their visitors, as desired.
9. Visitors are requested not to sit on or place their personal belongings on the beds
10. OB patients may not leave the OB department, except with prior approval. Patients from other areas of the hospital may not visit in OB.
11. Michigan law mandates a no smoking policy in all hospitals. This policy is enforced at all times in this facility.

*In the event the mother is under 18 years of age, exceptions will be discussed and altered.

I have read or have had read to me the above and I understand the contents.

Signature

Date