


<b>Name of Policy:</b>	<u>Perioperative Traffic Control/Visitation</u>	
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<b>Department:</b>	Nursing Service PAT/POH/PACU	
<b>Approving Officer:</b>	Chief Nursing Officer	
<b>Responsible Agent:</b>	Nursing Director	
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**(A) Policy Statement**

Traffic control will be maintained in the perioperative areas to allow safe and effective patient care, to protect the privacy of all patients and to allow appropriate visitation at the discretion of the nursing care provider.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To establish a protocol for access by staff, patients, and visitors in the Main OR and George Isaac Minimally Invasive Surgery Center’s perioperative areas while maintaining patient safety and efficiency of care.

**(C) Procedure**

1. All patients will be escorted to the pre-operative holding area by a staff member. No visitors will be permitted until the initial check in process is completed. Once patient is settled, designated visitors will be called to accompany patient prior to surgery.
2. Visitation in the preop area will be limited to no more than one visitor per patient. The patient’s escort to home is encouraged to remain on the campus during the patient’s procedure and reachable by cell phone or pager.
3. Except in certain circumstances, i.e., a special needs child, parents are instructed to remain behind as the child is escorted to the surgical suite.
4. Visitation in PACU phase I is at the discretion of the nursing care provider and is based on the needs of the patient, i.e., a child who would be comforted by parental presence. Providing safe and effective patient care while maintaining all patients’ privacy is the nurse’s priority.
5. Visitation in PACU phase 2 is necessary to facilitate the home-readiness of the outpatient. One visitor is permitted at this juncture.
6. Children under 12 years of age are not permitted to visit in the preop holding or PACU areas.

<p><b>Approved by:</b></p> <p>_____/s/_____                  Kurt Kless, MSN, MBA, RN, NE-BC                  Chief Nursing Officer</p> <p>_____                  Date</p> <p>Review/Revision Completed by: Michelle Mallett, MSN, RN, CNOR,                  Director of Surgical Services                  Review: Policy &amp; Standard Committee, 6/14,6/17, 7/2020, 6/2023</p>	<p><b>Review/Revision Date:</b></p> <p>3/99                  12/99                  3/02                  10/03                  11/03                  3/05                  7/05                  7/07                  5/20/2008                  3/20/2009                  8/27/2012                  6/17/2014                  6/2015                  5/1/2017                  7/1/2020                  6/1/2023</p>
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