

**NURSING SERVICES GUIDELINE
6CD INPATIENT DETOX UNIT**

Guideline: Visitation

Policy Number Superseded:

Responsibility: Department Directors/Lead Nurses/Detox Floor Nurses/Designees

Purpose of Guideline: To provide a safe and therapeutic environment, while maintaining privacy and confidentiality.

Procedure:

No visitation is allowed on the detox unit unless it is part of the discharge planning/continuum of care.

(A) No family/friend visitation.

- (1) All admissions are considered confidential, and no information will be disclosed to anyone without a signed release of information.
- (2) Phones are available for patient use, to talk with family/friends.
- (3) Unit doors are closed and locked.
- (4) Patients are not allowed to leave the detox unit unattended.
- (5) Patients who do not follow visitation rules will be asked to leave the program.

(B) Visitation by professional personnel for discharge planning/continuum of care.

- (1) All visitors must sign-in on arrival, and agree to keep confidential the names and situations of other patients on the unit.
- (2) All visitors are educated about items considered unsafe to the unit, and will not be permitted to bring these items onto the unit.
- (3) Visitors found to bring any contraband into the detox unit will be asked to leave immediately, and will not be allowed to visit again.



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(4) If any problems arise while visitors are on the unit, the nurse director/lead nurse/designee will make every effort to resolve the issue to preserve the dignity and safety of all patients and visitors. Hospital security will be contacted if necessary.

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