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It is the philosophy of Yuma Regional Medical Center that family members and significant others play a vital role in the physical, psychological, and emotional support of patients. Staff will collaborate with patients, family and significant others to coordinate a visiting plan that individualizes and promotes a healing environment.

All Areas

- Visitation guidelines are individualized to support the comfort, care and privacy of our patients.
- A healing environment is maintained at all times and visitation may be controlled to support that environment.
- Children must be supervised by a responsible adult, other than the patient, at all times while in the facility.
- Special requests to the visiting policy may be discussed with the Resource Coordinator, Director or other administrative personnel.
- All visitors are expected to wash hands before and after patient contact
- All visitors should be healthy and free from recent exposure to communicable disease and without visible signs of infectious disease (cough, fever, etc.).
- Visitors showing signs of illness may be asked not to visit
- Visitation may be controlled at times to ensure that patient care and patient privacy are of the highest priority.
- Visitors wishing to bring food or beverages into patient rooms should discuss this with the nurse prior to doing so to avoid safety issues related to fluid or food restrictions.

Women and Children Services

- Visitors must be a minimum of 5 years of age in order to visit patients in this division. This age restriction does not apply to children/step children/grandchildren or sibling of the patient, with the exception of the NICU (See NICU bullet below).
- Visitors must present a valid picture ID at the front desk prior to entry onto unit and will be given a visitor pass.
- For security reasons only 2 visitors will be allowed with a patient at one time. This does not include the spouse or person designated as the support person of the patient who receives an armband at the time of delivery.
- **LDRP:** The children/step children/grandchildren of the patient are not subject to the 2 visitors at a time rule.
- **NICU:** Siblings/step sibling of the NICU patient must be at least 5 years of age to visit and must be supervised by an adult. Siblings are included in the count of 2 visitors at a time due to space restrictions. An up to date children's immunization record must be presented for all children prior to visiting the NICU.
- **Pediatrics & Women's:** The siblings/children/step children/grandchildren of the patient are not subject to the 2 visitors at a time rule.

Emergency Department

- Visitors must remain with the patient they are visiting at all times
- No food or beverages may be in the department.

- References:
- Health Care Advisory Board: Patient Care Services and Policies for Families and Children (October 1997)
 - Health Care Advisory Board: Visitation and Patient Education (April 1998)