Wesley Medical Center

NICU Visitation Guidelines

Phone Numbers: 601-261-6760 or 601-261-6761

We recognize that a new baby should be welcomed by family and friends. If your baby is in our NICU, it is because he or she has special needs and requires special care. In order to meet your baby's special physical and developmental needs, we have established the following guidelines:

- Visitation times are: 8am-6pm, 8pm-6am
  No phone calls or visits: 6am-8am, 6pm-8pm

- Otherwise, parents have unlimited visitation and no time limits. You are encouraged to begin caring for your baby even while in the NICU. The nurses will help you learn the best ways to assist as appropriate to your individual baby's needs.

- Only two (2) visitors will be allowed at the baby's bedside at any given time.

- Visitors (0ther than parents) are limited to 30 minutes.

- Only persons over the age of 14 may visit.

- Parents are allowed to list up to (4) permanent visitors. These will be listed and can NOT be changed under any circumstances. These (4) visitors may visit without the parents being present. Each one of these visitors is limited to two (2) 30-minutes visits per day.

- Special visitors are allowed under the following conditions:
- Only (2) special visits allowed per day, limited to 30 minutes each.
- A parent must accompany these visitors and remain at the baby's bedside.
- All other visitation guidelines remain in effect.

- All visitors will remove their jewelry, wash their hands (3 minute scrub) and wear a cover gown upon entering the NICU and before going to baby's bed.

- Visitors with the following should not enter the NICU:
  - Sore throat, diarrhea, fever, cold symptoms, or exposure to contagious disease.

- All visitors, including parents, should remain at their baby's bedside. Talking with other visitors in the NICU patient area is discouraged. This is time to bond with your baby. There is a family waiting room outside the NICU for visiting and extensive conversations. This will help us keep the noise level down.

- Remember, we are only allowed to give information about the baby, to parents.
  Family and friends should contact the parents for information regarding the baby.