

Guidelines for ICU Visitation - Overnight Stay and Off-Hours Admissions

Help us maintain a calm, comforting atmosphere for patients, families, and staff by following these guidelines:

Overnight Stay

1. For your health, we encourage you to go home and rest in the evening.
2. Only one adult family member (18 years or older) can be permitted to stay in a patient's room overnight.
3. Beds, linen, and bathing accommodations cannot be provided for family members.
4. Food and drinks are prohibited in ICU patient care areas and patient rooms.
5. To optimize patient care, please do not linger in hallways or nurses stations.
6. If you stay overnight with your loved one, you may be asked at any time to step out of the ICU during an emergency.
7. Please respect the personal property of individuals and the property of the MDACC.
8. Please refrain from disruptive behavior such as loud/inappropriate conversations or arguments.
9. Please notify your nurse of any suspicious activity.
10. Use cell phones in designated areas only.
11. The MDACC is not responsible for personal items left in a patient's room.
12. Please obtain approval from your nurse before using any devices that require electrical power.
13. Please contact the nurse before entering a room marked 'Isolation'.

Off-Hours Admissions (10:30pm to 7:00am):

Temporary Family Space for Off-Hours admissions will be provided in the Pod A conference room, Pod F conference room, or the ICU classroom (G7.3317), to allow for conferencing with family members and give them enough time to visit with the patient prior to leaving for the night.

These areas are not intended to take the place of the waiting rooms.

Thank you for maintaining our peaceful, healing environment.¹

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