## Marshall Medical Centers Organizational Policy

## **Hospital Visitation**



The patient has the right to receive visitors whom they designate, including a spouse, domestic partner (including a same-sex domestic partner), or another family member or friend. The patient has the right to decline visitors or withdraw his or her direction about any visitor at any time.

Visitors will be asked to follow guidelines for personal protective equipment when they visit patients who are in isolation.

All guarded prisoner-patients are denied visitors except in terminal cases or when special consideration is granted by the custodian authority.

The Women's Center/Special Deliveries limits visitors on patients who are in labor to two. Siblings under 12 years may visit their mother and new baby.

The hospital can apply reasonable clinical restrictions and other limitations on patient visitation. Reasonable restrictions may be based upon any of the following:

- Court order limiting or restraining contact.
- Visitor's behavior presenting a direct risk or threat to the patient, hospital staff, or others.
- Patient's risk of infection by the visitor.
- Visitor's risk of infection by the patient.
- Patient's need for privacy or rest.
- When visitation would interfere with the care of the patient and/or the care of other patients.
- Visitor inappropriate behavior or refusal to follow hospital policy and rules.