



**Policy: Family/Support Person for Surgery Center**

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**POLICY:** Family/Support person will be strongly encouraged to stay in either Surgery Center or the family waiting area through operative procedures.

**Purpose:** To facilitate Family/Surgeon interaction throughout hospital stay.

**Procedure:**

1. When the surgery staff member greets patient in the lobby or Surgery Center, the family/support person will be invited to accompany patient to their room.
2. Family/Support person will be told to stay either in the room or in the family waiting area until surgeon visits pre-op
3. Family/support person will be instructed not to leave the facility if patient is under the age of 18. Obtain the phone number of family member of adult patient if they choose to leave.
4. Family/support person will be instructed as to probable length of procedure and told to be present at the end of the procedure.
5. If patient is to be admitted to acute care, surgery center staff will take family to patient's room and keep the family updated regarding patient's status.
6. Family may be limited as space allows.