

AtlantiCare

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Notice of Visitation Rights

It is the policy of AtlantiCare to promote patient and family-centered care within the framework of providing a safe therapeutic environment for patients, family, visitors, and staff. AtlantiCare encourages the presence of family and patient identified support persons and/or patient/legal representative (individual authorized to make decisions for patient if patient is unable to do so). This notification is being issued in order to ensure that all patients and visitors enjoy full and equal visitation privileges consistent with patient preferences and to promote a safe and therapeutic environment.

AtlantiCare will not restrict, limit, or otherwise deny visitation privileges on the basis of race, skin color, marital status, age (except as required for clinical reasons), national origin, nationality, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation or disability. All AtlantiCare patients have the right to receive the visitors they have designated at the time of their preference and may make this request either verbally or in writing. This includes, but is not limited to, a spouse, a domestic partner (including a same-sex domestic partner), another family member, or a friend. All AtlantiCare patients have the right to withdraw or deny such consent at any time either orally or in writing.

AtlantiCare Visitation

Children under 14 years of age must be approved by clinical leadership for visitation. AtlantiCare reserves the right to limit or restrict visitation when necessary to maintain a safe and therapeutic environment upon:

- Patient request.
- Identified infection control issues.
- Interference with the care of other patients.
- Patient's roommate(s) need for rest and or privacy.
- Inpatient substance abuse treatment program.
- Patients undergoing care interventions.
- Existing court order restricting contact.
- Visitors engaging in disruptive, threatening, or violent behavior of any kind.

Notification of Admission

AtlantiCare patients have the right to have the family member or representative of their choice notified of their admission. Patients also have the right to have their physician notified of their admission to the hospital.

Notification of Advance Directive and POLST Policy

The patient has the right to formulate an Advance Directive and to have hospital staff and practitioners who provide care in the hospital comply with these directives in accordance with state and federal regulations and/or to request a Practitioner's Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST). A copy of an Advance Directive and information about creating a POLST is available upon request through any member of AtlantiCare's care team.

Valuables / Belongings

AtlantiCare maintains a safe for safekeeping of money and other valuables. AtlantiCare is NOT responsible in the event of loss of any wearing apparel or personal property, including cash, dentures, hearing aides, eyeglasses, jewelry, or other valuables / belongings that are not taken into the care, custody and control of AtlantiCare.

Support Person and Patient/Legal Representative

AtlantiCare patients have the right to identify a support person and/or a patient/legal representative. A hospital support person is a person designated by the patient to provide physical, emotional or spiritual support during the hospital stay. A patient/legal representative (e.g., court appointed guardian, Medical Power of Attorney, Advance Directive Health Care Proxy, A Practitioner's Order for Life Sustaining Treatment "POLST" surrogate decision maker or next of kin, or same sex partner) is an authorized representative who can make decisions for the patient in the event a patient is unable to make decisions with respect to medical care. These roles can be filled separately or by the same person.