

**Mercy Medical Center
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Policy

Guidelines for all visitors, e.g., family member, medical industry professional and students, who observe a surgical procedure.

Procedure

1. All visitors will report in at Control Desk before entering operating room suites.
Point of Interest
Prior permission to visit must be obtained from the manager/director.
 - a. Lay visitors that are to observe a procedure must 16 years of age and/or be enrolled in a high school or higher education medical program.
 - b. Medical industry (ex. vendors) must report to Purchasing/Security Department prior to their visit.
 - c. Students doing clinical rotation must have completed orientation forms from Nursing Staff Development.
 2. The visitor must wear an ID tag.
Point of Interest
Forms and ID tags can be obtained from Control Desk.
 3. Traffic control into the surgical suite is under the direction of the circulating nurse in the OR suite. Visitors will receive direction from the circulating nurse regarding entrance and/or exit from the suite.
Point of Interest
Inmates coming to the OR can be accompanied by an officer into the OR suite and stay while being intubated and return when being extubated. The exception to stay during the case would be if the officer has instructions that the inmate is not to be out of the officer's site.
 4. All patients are notified if a visitor will be present during their operation or procedure by a licensed independent practitioner.
Point of Interest
Students, e.g., medical, technical and nursing, observation are coordinated with OR instructor.
 - a. All students are prepared with education, emotional issues and expectations.
 - b. Visitors are expected to act professional at all times. This is a patient care area and confidentiality is strictly adhered to.
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5. All visitors must wear appropriate identification.
 6. Visitors are prohibited from scrubbing into a procedure, handling sterile supplies, i.e., handing sterile supplies onto the field, removing supplies from the field.
Point of Interest
OSHA, Universal Blood and Body fluid precaution appropriate handwashing and procedural area standards must be followed while in the procedural area.
Point of Interest
If a vendor needs to retrieve an item from CSP, they must call ext. 1910 and coordinate accordingly with Central Sterile Processing.
 7. Clean scrub clothes will be worn daily and donning of PPE shall be adhered to when applicable.
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