

MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL NEW VISITING HOURS

Effective Monday, August 18, 2003



The new visiting policies have been established at Markham Stouffville Hospital to provide time for our patients to rest and time for our staff to provide care while at the same time maintaining high infection control standards. Visiting will depend on the patient's condition, the activity of the unit, infection control requirements and will be at the discretion of the health care team.

General Visitor Policy

If you are not feeling well or have been exposed to an infectious disease, please do not visit.

- Regular visiting hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily.
- Only two visitors per patient at a time.
- Children (12 and under) may only visit with permission from the patient's nurse. Any child must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times while in the hospital.

Exception to Visiting Hours

Exceptions to the routine visiting hours may be extended for compassionate reasons with permission from the patient's nurse.

The following departments have special visiting hours:

Maternal Child

Obstetrics

- Visiting hours are 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. daily.
- Siblings are permitted for short visits only, during designated visiting hours, and must be accompanied by father/partner or grandparent.
- Father/partner may visit from 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. daily.
- Father/partner and one labour support person are permitted to attend the birth.

Special Care Nursery

- Visiting hours are 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. daily.
- Parents may visit at any time at the discretion of the nursing staff.
- Siblings may only visit with permission from the patient's nurse.

Paediatrics

- Parents/adult delegates may visit from 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- One Parent/adult delegate may stay overnight with the child.

Mental Health (I.W.)

- Visiting hours are:
 - o Weekdays 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 - o Weekends and holidays 11:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Surgical Assessment Clinic, Surgical Procedure Unit and Day Surgery

- One adult escort may accompany the patient for clinic appointment.
- Two adults may accompany the patient on the day of procedure/surgery.

ICU/CCU (Intensive Care Unit)

- Visiting hours are 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Emergency

- Only one visitor per patient.
- Exceptions will be made at the discretion of the nurse.

Clinic Appointments/Diagnostic Tests/Outpatient Procedures/Treatments

One adult may escort a patient for scheduled appointments, tests, outpatient procedures or treatments. Children (12 and under) should not accompany the patient, as we cannot provide any supervisory personnel while your test or treatment is carried out.

All other departments follow the General Visitors Policy.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in adhering to our new visiting policies.

