

## **Marias Medical Center Notice of Visitation Rights**

Marias Medical Center's Visitation Policy facilitates visitation in a manner designed to protect patients' health and safety. In the rights of the patient (inpatient or outpatient) they are able to choose whom their visiting support person will be either orally or in writing, regardless of formal relationship status. Their choice may include, but is not limited to a spouse, domestic partner (including same sex), another family member, friends or other individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability. The patient may withdraw or deny their consent to receive specific visitors either orally or in writing. Visitors at Marias Medical Center are welcome 24 hours per day. There are times when it is clinically necessary that reasonable restrictions on visitation may be required. These restrictions are aimed at protecting the health and safety of all patients. The following are some examples of these times, but is not considered an all-inclusive list:

- At patient request or legal guardian, if patient is under age or becomes incapacitated.
- A patient's need for rest or privacy
- The patient is undergoing care interventions or the visit would interfere with the care of the patient or other patients.
- Restrictions initiated by Marias Medical Center senior leadership or safety officer due to a crisis or special situation that may interfere with the care or safety of patients and /or visitors.
- Patient's risk of infection by visitor.
- Visitors' risk of infection by patient.
- Disruptive, threatening, or violent behavior of any kind exhibited.

Reasons for visitation restrictions will be clearly communicated to the patient and parties involved by care providers.

## **Marias Medical Center Notice of Advanced Directive Policy**

- Marias Medical Center complies with the Patient Self-Determination Act of 1990 which addresses patient's rights under state law to make decisions about their health care and their right to formulate advance directives. Marias Medical Center's Advance Directive Policy includes the following: Adult patients on admission to the agency will be given written information on their rights to accept/refuse medical and surgical care and their right to formulate advance directives. If the patient is unable to comprehend or understand, the information will be given to the patient's representative. Receipt of information is by initial and signing general consent form.
- The patient, if previously completed an advanced directive that is current, will be asked to provide a copy for the medical record, if not already housed in the medical records department. Staff will make available forms and information regarding advance directives.
- Marias Medical Center shall not condition the provision of care or otherwise discriminate against any individual based on whether or not the individual has executed an advanced directive.
- Statement of Limitations: includes but not limited to any and all research and elective abortions as a basis of conscience institution wide. (State Survey and Certification Agency.) If unable to provide services based on statement of limitations, transfer of care outside of the facility will be facilitated.
- Patients have the right to voice or file a complaint related to advance directive requirements to the State Survey and Certification Agency.

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## **PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS**