



VISITING IN THE MOTHER/BABY UNIT

A new baby! What a wonderful thing to celebrate.

The Women and Children's Program at Cambridge Memorial Hospital understands that the birth of a new baby is an exciting time. Family and friends want to celebrate with the family and meet the new little one.

There are some things you need to know about visiting here. We have rules about visiting that are respectful of the new moms need for rest and privacy, meet the infection control guidelines for the hospital and allow us to ensure a safe, secure environment for the families. These rules were developed with input from families who have been patients here.

- 1) Dads are welcome at all times. You will be asked for a \$20 deposit and be given an access card that will allow you enter and exit the unit at any time. If there is a support person other than the dad who has been identified by baby's mother they will have the card instead. Your deposit will be returned when the card is returned.
- 2) **Our open visiting hours are from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. everyday.** Please inform your family and friends so that they can plan to visit during these hours. The unit doors are locked at all other times. If there is a need for you to enter the unit outside of these hours you may speak to a nurse by using the phone beside the 'pink' sliding doors. The extension to call is 4381. **During visiting hours there can only be two visitors at a time with each patient.**
- 3) **The brothers and sisters of the baby are welcome to visit. All other children will need to wait until the baby goes home.** Infections like chickenpox, flu or colds are common in children and they can spread to babies very easily.
- 4) If there is a special situation that you need us to know about in terms of visiting please speak to the Clerk at the desk, the Charge Nurse or the Nurse Manager of the unit. We will do our best to be flexible but there will be occasions when you will not be allowed to enter the unit.