

**Designating Priority Visitors: Visiting Policy Statement Consistency
With and Disclosure of Patient's Right to Choose Priority Visitors
(ICU = Intensive Care Unit)**

Hospital	Statement Consistency
BETH ISRAEL Medical Center (Manhattan)	<i>Implies Limitation:</i> Says where family members can wait during surgery. See http://wehealny.org/patients/BI_home/BI_InpatientSurgery.html#DayOf
BROOKHAVEN Memorial Hospital Med. Ctr (Patchogue)	No: For ICU & Coronary Care Unit: immediate family only. See "Patient Guide," p. 9, www.healthyadvice.com/hospital/ny_brookhaven/ , downloadable via link to guide booklet on Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center webpage at www.brookhavenhospital.org/Visitor_and_Patient_Guide .
COMMUNITY-GENERAL Hospital (Upstate University Hospital Community Campus) (Syracuse)	No: For ICU & Coronary Care Unit: limited to immediate family. See www.upstate.edu/community/patients_visitors/guidelines.php .
CROUSE Hospital (Syracuse)	No: For ICU: visitors are limited to two from the immediate family at any one time. See www.crouse.org/visit/visitors/ .
ELMHURST Hospital Center (Queens)	No: For ICU, visits are restricted to immediate family only for first 15 min. of each hour. See www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/ehc/html/info/hours.shtml .
FOREST HILLS Hospital (Queens)	No: immediate family members of critically ill patients may visit at any time, and "the Surgical Information Service will inform family members of your progress." See Patient Guide, p. 6, downloadable at www.healthyadvice.com/hospital/NY_ForestHills .
FRANKLIN Hospital (Valley Stream)	No (needs broadening): For ICU/Critical Care: Only immediate family members and significant others are permitted to visit in these units. See www.northshorelij.com/NSLIJ/Franklin+Visitor+Info .
GLEN COVE Hospital	Yes: Patients can choose who can and cannot visit them while they are in our healthcare facility without regard to legal relationship, race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. But the hospital needs to update language under the "Surgical Guest Lounge" heading, which states "your immediate family can wait there" and "two family members may be allowed in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit." See www.northshorelij.com/NSLIJ/Glen+Cove+Hospital+Visitor+Information .
GLENS FALLS Hospital	Yes: Says if hosp must restrict visitors, "this will be fully explained to the patient and family/friend and will be determined with their participation." See www.glensfallshospital.org/Patients-and-Visitors/Patients-and-Visitors.cfm#Visiting_Hours .
GOOD SAMARITAN Hospital of Suffern	No: For Critical Care Unit: "Immediate family only." See www.bschs.org/patients-and-visitors-visitor-information-good-samaritan-hospital.html .
HOSPITAL for SPECIAL SURGERY (Manhattan)	<i>Implies limitation:</i> Patient info guide ("Your pathway to Recovery"), p. 13, refers to surgery waiting area as 'family waiting area' and states, "Your surgeon may contact your family in the family waiting area." See www.hss.edu/patient-handbook.asp .
JAMAICA Hospital Medical Center (Queens)	No: For CCUs, visitors are limited to only immediate family members. See http://jamaicahospital.org/pages/visit_hrs/visithrs.html .
KINGS COUNTY Hospital Center (Brooklyn)	No: Kings County Hospital "Patient Guide," p. 17, states that for Special Care Units, visitation is limited to members of the patient's immediate family (spouse, children, parents, siblings). See www.healthyadvice.com/hospital/NY_KingsCounty/ , linked via www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/kchc/html/about/info.shtml .
KINGSBROOK JEWISH Medical Center (Brooklyn)	Yes: Every patient has the right to have visitors. Patients can choose who may or may not visit." See www.kingsbrook.org/Patients_and_Visitors_Guide/Visitation_of_Patients.aspx .

LONG ISLAND COLLEGE Hospital (SUNY Downstate Med Center) (Brooklyn)	Yes: Patients have the right to receive visitors designated or limited by the patient, including but not limited to a spouse, domestic partner, family member or friend. But needs to correct out-dated "immediate family" language under ICC/CCU. See www.downstate.edu/lich/info.html .
LONG ISLAND JEWISH Medical Center (New Hyde Park)	No: The hospital's downloadable "Patient Guide," p. 6, state that visiting hours for the ICUs are for, immediate family only. See Patient Guide, downloadable at www.healthyadvice.com/hospital/NY_LIJMC , linked via www.northshorelij.com/NSLIJ/lij . See also www.northshorelij.com/NSLIJ/LIJ+Patient+Visitor+Guide#visiting .
LUTHERAN Medical Center (Brooklyn)	Implies limitation: The webpage states that during surgery, family members can wait in the surgical waiting area. See www.lutheranmedicalcenter.com/GuideForPatients/VisitingHours/ .
MERCY Hospital of BUFFALO	No: For ICU, Cardiac Care and Open Heart Units, immediate Family Members Only. See www.chsbuffalo.org/Facilities/Hospitals/MHOB/Visitor .
MERCY Medical Center (Rockville Centre)	No: For ICU, Coronary Care Unit and Cancer Care Unit: "Restricted to immediate family." See www.mercymedicalcenter.chsli.org/visiting-hours.html .
METROPOLITAN Hospital Center (Manhattan)	Yes: Patients have the right to designate any visitors, including a spouse, domestic partner, including a same sex domestic partner, another family member or a friend. Also includes anti-discrimination policy statement. See www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/mhc/html/patients/visiting.shtml .
MONTEFIORE Medical Center (Bronx)	Yes: Only immediate family members or other persons with a close relationship with the patient may visit in these units. See www.montefiore.org/visiting-hours . Note also that the hospital provides a hard copy booklet "Patient Information Guide" upon admission, which states that the hospital is assuring the patient's right to receive visitors, and to designate who may or may not visit, and if visiting is limited, visitation will never be denied based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.
NASSAU University Medical Center (East Meadow)	Yes: Patient Information Guide, p. 14, states, "Visitation rights include the right to receive the visitors designated by the patients, including, but not limited to, a spouse, a domestic partner, a same sex domestic partner, another family member, or a friend"; also, p. 21, "The hospital allows a family member, friend or other individual to be present with the patient for emotional support during the course of stay." See NuHealth Patient Information Guide 2012.pdf via www.nuhealth.net/patients-and-visitors/welcome.asp .
NYU LANGONE Medical Center (Manhattan)	Yes: Each patient has the right to determine who may and may not visit, including but not limited to a spouse, domestic partner (including same sex domestic partner), another family member, friend or surrogate; also includes an anti-discrimination policy statement. See www.med.nyu.edu/patients-visitors/patient-visitor-information/visiting-hours-and-policy .
NORTH SHORE University Hospital (Manhasset)	No: For the post-anesthesia care unit, "Two family members may be allowed"; also contains language that implies a limitation regarding the surgical waiting room: "our immediate family can wait there..." See www.northshorelij.com/NSLIJ/NSUH+Directions .
PLAINVIEW Hospital	No: Patient Guide, p. 7, states: Patients may designate one family member to stay for the duration of their hospitalization. See www.healthyadvice.com/hospital/NY_Plainview , linked via www.northshorelij.com/NSLIJ/plainview .
ROCHESTER General Hospital	Implies limitation: During surgery, family members may wait in the first floor lobby Surgical Family Lounge; also language for visiting in ICUs needs broadening as it currently limits visiting to "immediate family members and significant others only." See www.rochestergeneral.org/rochester-general-hospital/patients-and-visitors/visitors/visiting-hours/ .
ST ELIZABETH Medical Center (Utica)	No: Visitation in ICU and Cardiac-Intensive Care Units are limited to 2 Immediate Family Members at a Time," and, "Patients going to surgery prior to 2 pm may have immediate family present. Any patient in critical condition may have family present. See www.stemc.org/visitors/visiting-hours/ .

ST FRANCIS Hospital (Roslyn)	No: For ICU, "At this phase of a patient's hospitalization, only close family members should visit." See www.stfrancisheartcenter.com/chsli/sfh/live/patients/visit/visitorinfo.html#hours .
ST JOHN'S RIVERSIDE Hospital (SJRH-St John's Div.) (Yonkers)	No: St. John's Riverside Hospital Information Guide, p. 7, states, "Immediate family members of patients scheduled for surgery may visit any time on the day of surgery+; and for ICU, "Only members of the immediate family are allowed to visit... Clergy may visit at any time. Special visitation may be arranged with the Nursing Staff.+See link at www.riversidehealth.org/PatientServices/PatientGuides.aspx .
ST JOSEPH'S Hospital (Elmira)	No: For ICU, "visits are limited to immediate family only." See www.stjosephs.org/getpage.php?name=visitorinfo&sub=Patient%20Info .
ST LUKE'S Roosevelt Hospital (Manhattan)	No: For Critical Care Unit: "immediate family only." See Patient Guide, p. 6, www.healthadvice.com/hospital/NY_StLukesRoosevelt .
ST PETER'S Hospital (Albany)	Yes: Its downloadable "Visiting Guidelines for Patients and Families" states, "The family, as determined by the patient, consists of the key support persons in the patient's life." See link at http://www.sphcs.org/VisitorInformation .
SAMARITAN Medical Center (Watertown)	No (needs broadening): For CCU, "visiting is limited to immediate family only (parents, spouse, children, grandparents, siblings or significant other).+See www.samaritanhealth.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=50&Itemid=81 .
SARATOGA Hospital (Saratoga Springs)	No (needs broadening): For ICU, "visiting is limited to immediate family or significant other.+See www.saratogahospital.org/index.cfm?contentID=243 .
SOUND SHORE Medical Center of Westchester (New Rochelle)	Yes: Patient Guide p6 states: Visitation rights "include the right to receive visitors designated by you, including but not limited to a spouse, a domestic partner (opposite or same sex), another family member or a friend. You are also entitled to deny or withdraw visiting rights for any individual at any time.+ But Patient Guide, p7, needs to be updated - visiting hours for ICU says "Immediate Family Only.+See www.healthadvice.com/hospital/NY_SoundShore_English/ via link termed "patient handbook" at www.ssmc.org/bodyss.cfm?id=27 .
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY Medical Center (Univ Hosp of Stony Brook)	No: For Cardiovascular& Medical ICU and CCU "immediate family only.+ See http://stonybrookmedicine.edu/patientcare/visitinghours .
STRONG Memorial Hospital (U Rochester)	Yes: The webpage states that the patient may designate "one or more support person(s)+with 24/7 visitation rights who "may be family members, close friends or other individuals." See www.urmc.rochester.edu/strong-memorial/patients-families/visiting-information/hours-policies.cfm .
UNITY Hospital of Rochester	No: In ICU, "Only immediate family members are allowed to visit.+See www.unityhealth.org/visitors/ .
UPSTATE University Hospital (SUNY) at Syracuse	No: The website states that after 9pm, "visitation by family members is limited to two people at a time.+See www.upstate.edu/hospital/patients/visitor_guidelines.php . But note that the hospital distributes to admitted patients a "hard copy+booklet (received Spring 2012) which correctly states that patients "may choose who can visit,+and includes a broad, inclusive anti-discrimination statement.
VASSAR BROTHERS Medical Center (Poughkeepsie)	No: For CCU, ICU, RCU, "Only immediate family members may visit patients in these areas"; also for Cardiothoracic ICU, "Immediate family members are allowed to visit 5 minutes per hour." See www.healthquest.org/body_vb.cfm?id=173 .
WYCKOFF HEIGHTS Medical Center (Brooklyn)	No: For the ER, "family will be allowed in after 10:00 pm or on a case by case basis.+See www.wyckoffhospital.org/patients-visitors/services-facilities/visitor-information/visiting-hours .