

MADISON COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	
SUBJECT: Visitation Rights for Patients and Families	POLICY #: RM: 029
DEPARTMENT: Hospital-Wide	PAGE: 1 of 3
REFERENCE: SB 988: <i>No Patient Left Alone Act</i>	APPROVED BY: Risk Management Department
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PURPOSE:

To ensure the rights of patient visitation.

POLICY:

Madison County Memorial Hospital complies with Florida's No Patient Left Alone Act by posting its patient visitation policy on the hospital's website at mcmh.us and may request visitors to agree in writing to follow the hospital's visitation policies and procedures.

In-Person Visitation

In-person visitation is allowed in all the following circumstances, unless the patient objects:

- At the request of the patient.
- End-of-life situations.
- Patient who was living with family before admission and is struggling with the change in environment and lack of in-person family support.
- Patient making one or more major medical decisions.
- Patient experiencing emotional distress or grieving a recent death.
- Patient needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by a family member or caregiver.
- Patient who used to talk and interact with others is now seldom speaking.
- Childbirth, including labor and delivery.
- Pediatric patients.

Essential Caregiver

- A patient may designate an **essential caregiver** (family member, friend, guardian, or other individual).