



## STATEMENT OF PATIENTS' VISITATION RIGHTS

Meeker Memorial Hospital embraces a philosophy of open and flexible visitation and that welcomes and encourages the involvement of family and significant others in the patient's care. Accordingly, Meeker Memorial Hospital has adopted this statement on Patients' Visitation Rights.

1. Patients may receive visitors of their choosing, including, but not limited to, a spouse, a domestic partner (including a same-sex domestic partner), another family member, or a friend.
2. Patients may refuse to consent to a person visiting them, or may withdraw consent to see a visitor at any time. For assistance with process please contact your nurse.
3. Meeker Memorial Hospital will make all reasonable effort to ensure that visitors enjoy full and equal visitation privileges consistent with patient preferences. Meeker Memorial Hospital will not restrict, limit or otherwise deny visitation privileges on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.
4. Patients may designate a "Support Person" to express their visitation preferences on their behalf. Patients may designate a Support Person in any manner, including orally, in writing or through non-verbal communications (such as pointing).
5. Meeker Memorial Hospital may apply reasonable clinical and other restrictions on patient visitation. Reasonable restrictions may be based upon, but are not limited, any of the following:
  - a. A court order limiting or restraining contact
  - b. A visitor's behavior presenting a risk to the patient, Meeker Memorial Hospital staff, or others in the immediate environment
  - c. Visitor behavior that is disruptive to the functioning of the patient care unit involved
  - d. The patient's risk of infection by the visitor
  - e. The visitor's risk of infection by the patient
  - f. A patient's need for privacy or rest
  - g. Any special restriction rules that apply to special patient care units (Behavioral Health, Newborn Nursery, Critical Care, etc)
  - h. When visitation would otherwise interfere with the care of the patient and/or the care of the other patients
  - i. A patient is undergoing care interventions (however, Meeker Memorial Hospital will try to accommodate the needs of any patient who requests that at least one visitor be allowed to remain in the room to provide support and comfort at such times)