

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER  
MENTAL HEALTH NURSING  
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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VERSION: 1**

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** VISITING HOURS

**MD ORDER:** YES [ ] NO [X]

**POLICY:** Mental Health Nursing will provide the monitoring of patients and visitors during established visiting hours in the inpatient unit(s) and Psychiatric Emergency Room (PER).

**INPATIENT UNIT(S) VISITING HOURS:**

6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. DAILY and  
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS

Visiting privileges other than stated above will be made on an individual basis.

Special arrangements can be made for visiting with children. Children must be closely supervised at all times.

Each patient is limited to no more than three (3) visitors at a time. Visitations are restricted to designated areas and supervised by nursing staff.

Should a visitor arrive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or create a disturbance on the unit, they will be asked to leave or be escorted off the premises by Olive View-Sheriff and may be denied further visiting privileges. Such decision will be presented to the interdisciplinary treatment team and should always be made with the patient's best interests in mind.

All items brought in by visitors for patient use are checked for safety and appropriateness.

If a patient does not want a specific friend or relative to visit, the patient may refuse visitation, but must assume responsibility to request it.

**PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY ROOM VISITING HOURS:**

There is limited visitation in the emergency room area. The physician or the emergency room RN may arrange visiting.

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**PURPOSE:**

**DEPARTMENTS: MENTAL HEALTH NURSING**

**DEFINITIONS:**

**PROCEDURE:**

References:

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