

<b>Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce Inc.</b> Nursing Manual	<b>DIVISION:</b> Nursing  <b>CATEGORY:</b> Hospice Residence	<b>POLICY NO:</b> 1-R-49
<b>ISSUED BY:</b> Executive Director	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Visiting	<b>PAGE NO:</b> 1 of 1

**POLICY:**

The Hospice believes that the privacy of the patient's room should be respected as if it were the patient's home. Consequently, the patients and designated caregivers will decide whom they want as visitors. These visitors are welcome at the Hospice 24/7 or at the invitation of the patient or caregiver.

The Hospice will make every effort to accommodate specific cultural practices involved with end-of-life care.

**PROCEDURE:**

. On admission to the Hospice, the visiting policy will be discussed with the patient and family members. Cultural practices involved with end-of-life care will be noted on the care plan.

. Each visitor will be greeted by the volunteer receptionist and will be seated while the volunteer announces their arrival to the patient/family. Should the patient not wish to see the visitor, the volunteer will relay this message to the visitor.

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