

### Support during Caesarian Section

The purpose of this policy is to have someone close to the patient be with them during the Caesarean Section for their comfort.

- ◆ Only one (1) person is allowed to come into the operation room to be with the patient scheduled for a Caesarean Section.
- ◆ This person must be 18 years or older.
- ◆ The decision as to who will accompany the patient must be made prior to the patient arriving at the operation room. There should not be any more discussion about this once the patient arrives at the OR as the OR staff will not be able to deal with this, especially in an emergency situation.
- ◆ If the decision has not been made beforehand it is understood that no one will accompany the patient.

#### The companion:

- ◆ Will be received by an OR team member and instructed on the proper dress code for the OR.
- ◆ Must set their cell phone to silent or switch it off and may not answer the phone while in the OR.
- ◆ Will be escorted to sit at the head of the patient and must remain seated.
- ◆ Is not permitted to move around the operation room unless accompanied by a team member.
- ◆ Is allowed to bring a camera into the OR and one of the team members will take some pictures if circumstances permit this. No filming or videotaping is permitted.
- ◆ Will be escorted out of the operation room if above requirements are not met or if circumstances make such necessary.

If a problem arises with the companion or any family member the manager will be notified promptly.



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