



Injury and illness impacts all members of a patient's family system. The literature shows there are "beneficial effects to the child by clearing up misconceptions, allaying fears and anxieties and providing an opportunity for questions and feedback."

Krapel, G. (1995) Visiting Hours in the Adult Intensive Care Unit: Using Research to Develop a system that Works. Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing, 14(5) 245-257.

Facilitating hospital visits

For Children and Adolescents

To request this service, please contact your unit-based Social Worker, or Social Work Services at extension 52966.

A Referral to Social Work Services for Facilitated Visitation includes:

- Collaboration with the Interdisciplinary Health Care Team to provide Patient-Centered and Family Focused Care
- A comprehensive Psychosocial Assessment
- Develop an age appropriate visitation plan in the context of the patient's diagnosis and prognosis
- Alternatives to visitation are also supported - coloring a picture, making a tape for the patient, bringing in photos/mementos, etc.