

<b>Policy Name and or Number :</b>	<b>Family Centered Care in the Interventional Radiology</b>
<b>Department/Unit:</b>	Interventional Radiology Units
<b>Effective Date:</b>	6/2021
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## **PURPOSE:**

To establish guidelines for visitors and families in the Interventional Radiology (IR) preprocedural / recovery areas.

## **POLICY STATEMENT:**

Family Centered Care will be encouraged and maintained at the most liberal level commensurate with safe patient care practices and facility safety requirements.

## **RESPONSIBLE PARTY:**

Interventional Radiology Staff

## **I. GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- a. If the patient wishes to have a visitor or family member at the bedside, the bedside nurse will invite the family member to stay with the patient in the preprocedural Area.
- b. Visitors will be limited to 1 person due to limited space in preprocedural areas based on patient preference. No children under the age of 12 years will be allowed to visit. For additional guidance on minors visiting please reference [UCSD MCP 300.1](#). Exceptions may be made due to extenuating circumstances.
- c. Family members and/or visitors may be asked to leave the preprocedural/recovery Area foremergency, safety, or patient privacy concerns.
- d. The waiting areas are open 24 hours per day/7 days a week for procedural patients and family members.
- e. The presence of service, pet therapy and personal pet animals must be decided on a case-by-case basis according to criteria found in [UCSDHP 608.1](#). Known exclusions per

policy include the following:

- i. Animals are excluded from isolation rooms and situations in which personal protective equipment may be required to protect patient and/or staff from infection risk.
- ii. A person with a disability may not be entitled to be accompanied by his/her service animal under those circumstances in which it has been determined that the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. A direct threat is defined as a **significant** risk to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated or mitigated by a modification of policies, practices or procedures.

## II. REFERENCES

UCSD MCP 300.1 UC San Diego Health Visiting: Family Engagement and Presence

UC San Diego Health System MCP 608.1 "Service Animals, Volunteer Pet/Tender Loving Care Therapy and Patient's Own Pets at UC San Diego Health" (12/07/2017)

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (2017); Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals; "Rights and Responsibilities of the Individual". (Found on UCSD Intranet)

## III. APPROVALS

This policy and procedure was approved by:  
Name/Department:

Approval Date:

UC San Diego IR Exec Committee

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