

# **Temiskaming Hospital**

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## **Providing Information to Family, Friends and Others**

Further to our last article regarding your health information and your privacy, there are times when we may give out information about patients to their families, friends, and others.

We are allowed to give out general information about you, like whether you are a patient in the hospital, how you are doing (e.g., that your condition is stable or improving), and where you can be found in the hospital (e.g., your room number). You should let us know as soon as possible after admission if you do not want us to give out this kind of information about you. You may not want us to give such information out to anyone, or you may only want to give this information to certain people who you can name. For example, you may not want us to give out information about you to anyone other than your spouse or children.

We are also allowed to give out your name and location in hospital to a representative of a religious or other organization where:

- You have told us about your connection to the religious or other organization; and
- We gave you the chance to let us know that you do not want us to give this kind of information to such individuals, and you did not object.

We want to ensure that your personal health information is only shared with those individuals you wish to have it so please be sure to communicate your wishes in this regard as soon as possible after admission.



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Visiting Hours:

- 1000 to 2000 hours for medical patients, surgical patients and Long-Term Care patients;
- 1400 to 1600 hours and 1800 to 2000 hours for obstetrics;
- Visitors to the Special Care Unit (SCU) are restricted to immediate family and/or significant other(s).