

**Mount Sinai Beth Israel**  
Administrative Policy & Procedure Manual  
Policy No. 2023

**POLICY TITLE:** Visitation Rights

**PURPOSE:** To delineate Mount Sinai Beth Israel policy on visitors to inpatient units. To ensure that all visitors of patients enjoy equal visitation

In the event the patient is a minor, the legal parent/guardian shall be given the opportunity to verbally designate the individuals permitted to visit the minor patient.

**C. Selection of a Support Person:**

on his or her behalf, should the patient be unable to do so.

Upon such designation, the legal status of the relationship between the patient and the designated Support Person shall be irrelevant. This designation however does not extend to medical decision-making.

In the event the patient is unable to exercise his or her visitation rights, the Hospital shall the patient and individuals who should be denied visitation rights with respect to such patient.

**D. Incapacitated Patients:**

In the event a patient is unable to select visitors due to incapacitation and such patient has not designated a Support Person, the Hospital may consider the following non-exhaustive forms of proof to establish the appropriateness of a visitor or to designate a Support Person when

- 1) An advance directive naming the individual as a Support Person, approved visitor, or designated decision maker (regardless of the State in which the directive is established;
- 2) Shared residence;
- 3) Shared ownership of a property or business;
- 4) Financial interdependence;
- 5) Marital/relationship status;
- 6) Existence of a legal relationship (may be a legal relationship recognized in another jurisdiction, even if not recognized including: parent-child, civil union, marriage, or domestic partnership);
- 7) Acknowledgement of a committed relationship (e.g., an affidavit); Written ally recognized advance directive

**E. Justified Clinical Restrictions:**



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