

PROTOCOL FOR: Patients Rights: Consulting with Attorneys/Clergy/Physician

- POLICY:**
1. Patients may request meetings with attorneys, clergy or physicians at any time.
 2. Requests for meetings will be reviewed by the treatment team. The treatment team will inform the patient of the team's decision, rationale for any denials and the process to be followed for subsequent requests.
 3. The treatment team will inform the patient of the parameters of any approved visits.
 4. Privacy will be provided to patients who are meeting with attorneys, clergy or physicians as long as this is clinically appropriate.
 5. If the patient is on 1 to 1 or constant observation, this should be explained. The attorney/clergy/physician will be advised that for the patient's and visitor's protection, a member of the staff should remain in the room during the interview. If at all possible, the confidential relationship will be honored.

DESIRED PATIENT

OUTCOME: Patients will have access to their attorneys, clergy and physicians.

APPROVAL: Nursing Standards Committee

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/95

REVISION DATES: 2/00, 10/00, 10/03, 6/06, 10/08