BIRTHING CENTER INFANT SAFETY AND SECURITY GUIDELINES

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! To provide the safest and most secure environment for your baby, please read and follow these guidelines. Only with your help, can we ensure the security of your baby during your hospital stay.

1. The GVMH birthing center provides a safe and secure department for their patients. The doors to the department are monitored by camera and locked 24 hours a day. All visitors are required to utilize the telephone provided to gain access. During labor patients are allowed a maximum of two visitors at a time. Only the labor coach and one other designated support person are allowed during the delivery.

2. **Never** allow anyone to take your baby from your room, unless this person is wearing an authorized GVMH - birthing center identification badge even if this person is dressed in birthing center scrubs. ID bands are to be checked against mother’s each time your baby is returned to your room.

3. **Never** leave your baby out of your direct line of vision, including use of restrooms, showers and napping. Notify a birthing center nurse and she will care for your baby while you are busy.

4. Your baby is to be transported only in the bassinet when going to and from the nursery.

5. Your baby **cannot be moved** from the nursery by anyone other than birthing center nursing staff or yourself after matching your ID band with your baby’s. Matching ID bands will also be checked immediately prior to the baby’s dismissal.

6. If your baby is not in the nursery, he - she should always be under your supervision or that of a family member.

7. In an effort to promote safe sleep practices, GVMH Birthing Center asks that only an infant sleep sack be utilized versus blankets following the first bath and that no soft objects, toys or loose bedding be placed in the infant bassinette.

8. The American Academy of Pediatrics advises against bed-sharing when babies are younger than three months or when parents are excessively tired or have consumed alcohol or medication. Due to this fact, should you fall asleep with your baby, the Birthing Center staff will put him or her in the bassinette beside your bed.

9. As a precaution, only ID band numbers will be used on identification cards visible to the public.

10. On admission, a photograph will be taken of your baby and placed on the chart for identification purposes. Upon dismissal, the photograph will become the property of the mother.

11. **No cameras, videos or any other type of recording device** will be allowed during the delivery process. Please turn all cell phones off during delivery.

12. Cell phones are to be used **only** in patient room (not in halls).

I have read and understand the above material and agree to abide by these guidelines to the best of my ability. I also give GVMH staff permission to photograph my child in the manner stated above.

Mother’s Signature ______________________________________ Date ________________

Witness ________________________________________________ Date ________________

Father - Significant Other Signature __________________________

Significant Other Signature __________________________________

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GVMH BIRTHING CENTER VISITING GUIDELINES

During Labor:
A maximum of two visitors is allowed in the LDRP room. No children under the age of 12 will be allowed in the room during labor. Unless ordered otherwise by your physician, you may visit children, family, and friends in the birthing center waiting room.

During Delivery:
Only the labor coach and one other designated support person is allowed.

After Delivery:
Visiting hours are at the discretion of the patient, although all visitors will be asked to exit the department at 8:30 pm with the exception of one significant other. All visitors must be free of infection or illness. No more than four visitors and the significant other are allowed in the patient’s room at a time. Unless ordered otherwise by your physician, you may visit family and friends in the birthing center waiting room. Your baby will not be allowed to leave the birthing center until discharged by the physician. Those allowed to handle the baby will be at the discretion of the mother. Please ask all visitors to wash their hands before holding or touching your infant. Siblings of any age may visit. During flu season, visitors may be restricted.

Overnight Guests:
Your husband, significant other, or support person (only one person) may stay with you overnight during your admission. You, as a patient, must utilize the birthing bed during the night to ensure your safety. The minimum dress code requirement is a T-shirt and shorts for overnight guests and they must provide their own personal care supplies. Shoes must be worn outside of the patient rooms at all times. Room service will be available for visitors at a nominal charge of $5.00 per meal. (Exact change is required). The hospital cafeteria will also be available for breakfast from 7:00 am – 10:00 am, Lunch; 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, and dinner; 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm.

Visitors:
Please remember that these rules have been developed to provide the most safe and secure environment possible for our patients. Your assistance in keeping them safe is greatly appreciated.