



## Parent Information

### SAFETY / SECURITY

The Maternal Child Health (MCH) staff want your and your baby's stay with us to be as memorable and safe as possible. For this reason, we are providing you with an information sheet of safety tips called "**What Parents Need to Know.**" This information will help you to identify those persons authorized to care for your baby and to know your responsibilities for safeguarding your baby.

1. NEVER allow anyone except MCH staff to handle or take your baby. MCH staff can be identified by the Carteret Health Care (CHC) ID badges they wear. Only MCH staff have an image of a baby located in the corner of their CHC ID badges. MCH staff will check your bracelets whenever you and your baby are separated and reunited.
2. Your baby will be placed in the hospital security system. A small disc on an ankle bracelet will be placed on your baby. If at any time your baby is removed from a secure area, an alarm will be activated, initiating our security policy. Please notify the staff if your baby's bracelet falls off or if you have concerns regarding your baby's bracelet. **DO NOT REMOVE YOUR BABY'S SECURITY BRACELET** or transport your baby out of the Brady Birthing Center.
3. Your baby will always be transported via bassinet by MCH staff or a caregiver wearing an identification band without stopping in halls, waiting areas, or other patient rooms. For your baby's safety, please do not walk in hallways with your baby in your arms.
4. At Carteret Health Care we encourage rooming-in with your baby to promote bonding.
5. Feel free to question anyone who comes into your room requesting to handle or take your baby. Alert the nurses' station if you have any doubt.
6. MCH is a locked unit to keep our babies safe. A video phone is provided for entry onto the unit. The video phone is located on the wall in the waiting room. Please follow our guidelines when attempting to gain entry into the unit – **DO NOT** let other visitors through the door; if we do not answer immediately, we are caring for your loved ones. Please be patient!

### VISITOR POLICY

Fathers, grandparents, and siblings may visit maternity patients 24 hours per day with these considerations:

- a) Support persons are to be limited to **three (3)** during the delivery.
- b) Children under the age of **fifteen (15)** will not be allowed during the delivery.
- c) Siblings should not visit during active labor but are encouraged to visit after the delivery.





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- d) Visitors in Labor & Delivery are to be limited to **four (4)** at other times.
- e) Visitors are to be directed to wait in the waiting room when not visiting the patient in her room, to ensure safety and protect other patients' privacy.
- f) To ensure patient confidentiality and privacy there will be absolutely **no loitering** in the hallway of the Labor & Delivery Area.
- g) No visitors with the following conditions will be permitted to visit:
  - Fever
  - Diarrhea
  - Active colds or upper respiratory infections
  - Strep throat
  - Rash with history of illness
  - Children who have been exposed recently to a communicable disease
- h) Children under the age of **fifteen (15)**, who are not siblings of the newborn, will not be permitted to visit while the newborn is in the mother's room.
- i) All visitors will be instructed to thoroughly wash their hands before handling an infant or infant care supplies.

I have read the above **safety/security guidelines** and **visitor policy** and my questions have been answered. I have been given safety tips "**What Parents Need to Know**".

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Mother's Signature

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Date

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Witness Signature

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Date



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