



Criteria for Parent's Presence at NICU Medical Interventions/Resuscitation

We embrace the philosophy of Family Centered Care in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at SJMHS and strive to carry out the tenets of our Mission Statement, recognizing parents as members of the health care team. We believe that parent's presence at the bedside during medical procedures/resuscitation should be an option that is supported by the Health Care Team whenever possible.

The following criteria are intended to guide the decision as to whether or not parents should be present during critical experiences that could affect the baby's outcome.

1. The physician, nurse and other caregiver(s) must agree and use their clinical judgment that the parent's presence at the bedside would not interfere with the process or outcome of the medical care being delivered. If it is determined at any point that parental presence would affect the outcome of the medical and/or nursing intervention/resuscitation, the parent(s) will be asked to leave the room.
2. When the patient's caregiver determines a family facilitator is necessary, the charge nurse will identify a member of the health care team to support the parents during and after the intervention.
3. Parent(s) presence during a medical and/or nursing intervention/resuscitation can occur when parent(s) have expressed the desire to do so and criteria #1 and #2 have been met and the airway has been established.
4. If the parent (s) choose to be present at the medical and/or nursing intervention/resuscitation and meet the selected criteria, but becomes overwhelmed or disruptive, they will be escorted out of the procedure area or resuscitation room by the family facilitator or health care team member. They will continue to receive updates from the physician or the family facilitator.