

**HARDIN COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL
HOSPITAL-WIDE POLICY**

Title:
Family Involvement in the Care of the Pediatric Patient
Policy Number: HW123
Regulation:

Effective Date: 9/30/2004

Med Staff:
Admin:

I. POLICY

In order to facilitate and coordinate the care of the infant, child, and adolescent while in the hospital, family and/or guardian involvement is encouraged throughout the course of the patient's treatment. This is accomplished through assessment, treatment and continuing care of the patient.

The initial ongoing assessment of the patient's condition and progress are done with a family member or guardian present and their input is encouraged. A nursing care plan is devised which includes family and patient input.

All treatments and procedures are routinely explained to both patient and family member prior to initiation so that there is better understanding and cooperation.

Family members are encouraged to stay with the patient and participate in all treatments, procedures, and decisions made for the continuing care of the patient.

II. DEFINITIONS

NA

III. RESPONSIBILITY

All Staff

IV. EQUIPMENT

NA

V. PROCEDURES

INFECTION CONTROL: N/A

NA

VI. DOCUMENTATION

NA