#### **Contact Information**

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Food and Nutrition (306) 655-1290

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## Healthy People, Healthy Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Health Authority works in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging Saskatchewan as the traditional territory of First Nations and Métis People.

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### **Care Team Members**

- **Doctors and Resident Doctors**
- Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses
- **Continuing Care Assistants**
- Unit Assists and Unit Support Workers
- **Occupational Therapists**
- **Physical Therapists**
- Social Workers
- Client Patient Access Services (CPAS)
- Dietitians
- Speech Language Pathologists
- **Respiratory Therapists**
- Housekeepers
- **Food Service Workers**
- Spiritual Care
- Students

## **Patient Care**

- Assessments happen twice a day, around 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. with medications given to you as ordered by the doctor.
- Tests may happen to treat your problem, sometimes without an exact time. There may be delays or short notice.
- Your doctor may suggest therapy during your stay, and taking part in all physical or occupational therapy sessions is important.
- Doctor's visits are not scheduled and may occur at any time. Talk to your nurse if you have questions.

#### **Additional Information**

- Send any valuables, belongings or medications home with a family member or friend.
- Lost, stolen, or broken personal items will not be replaced by the unit.
- Discuss any questions or concerns with your care team, charge nurse, or unit manager.
- To maintain a safe and positive environment, physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

# **Patient Satisfaction Survey**

- Your hospital experience is important to us. Tell us about your stay! Your feedback can help improve our unit.
- Scan the QR code below to answer the survey questions.
- The survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete. You may ask a family member or friend to help you.



# **Preventing Spread of Infection**

- Washing your hands is the most important way to prevent the spread of infection. Wash your hands or use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer when you arrive and leave the unit.
- You may be required to wear gloves, gowns or facemasks when in the hospital. Follow signage for patients who may need you to wear extra protection. Ask a care team member if you are unsure of what to wear.

# **Discharge Planning**

- Discharge planning will begin early during admission. The doctor will talk to you about your condition and a plan of care.
- This will include a Targeted Date of Discharge (TDD), which will be written on the whiteboard in your room and updated daily as care is completed.

## Length of stay will depend on:

- Patient condition
- **Pending tests**
- **Taking part in therapies**
- The need for additional care by a team in another location. This may include a transfer to a different nursing unit or hospital

#### Rooms

- You may have to share a room or change rooms during your stay.
- Even if you have insurance, private rooms are based on the medical needs of patients.
- Please be respectful and aware of your noise level when visiting and using telephones or televisions.
- We are a scent-free environment.
- Television service is available in most rooms for a fee; to use it, follow the instructions on the TV.
- Washrooms on the unit are for patients only. Visitor washrooms are near the elevators in the main hallway.

#### Meals

- Meals arrive around 8:30 a.m. (breakfast), 12:30 p.m.(lunch), and 5:00 p.m. (supper).
- The Food and Nutrition team gives fresh water each morning. Patients can also ask any team member for water.
- Patients may have diet changes related to their condition or tests. Check with your nurse before bringing food from home or giving a patient fluids.
- Let your nurse or care team know if you have any foodspecific needs or allergies; they can help create a menu that fits your needs.

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## **Key Contact Person**

- Your health information is private and will not be discussed with people who phone or ask.
- If you wish to have your health information shared with family or friends, we ask you to choose one or two contact people who can then share information with others.

## **Visiting Hours**

- Visiting hours are open; however, visiting hours are strongly encouraged between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. only to allow for nursing care and rest for all patients.
- If you are feeling unwell, please do not visit. Patients may have a weakened immune system and will take longer to heal.
- Follow signage for patients who may need you to wear extra protection such as gowns, gloves, or facemasks. Ask a care team member if you are unsure of what to wear.

## **Quiet Time**

Quiet time is scheduled from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. daily. During this time, we may ask visitors to leave for a more quiet environment and rest for all patients.

#### **Observation Rooms**

- You might be in an observation room based on your medical needs. Patients can only leave the room with a doctor's permission.
- Assessments will be done every 4 hours or more often if needed. This includes overnight.
- Visitors are limited to 2 at a time. This rule is strictly enforced to allow patients to rest and recover in a quiet environment.
- Nursing report occurs at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily. Visitors will be asked to leave the room during this time to keep health information private.

# **Smoking Policy**

- Smoking is only allowed outside in designated areas.
- If you choose to smoke during your stay, staff are not able to take you outside to smoke. You will be asked to sign a release of responsibility form.
- Doctors can order nicotine patches or gum through the hospital pharmacy for patients to use during their stay.

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