Information on visiting in the **Post Anesthesia Care Unit**

What is the PACU?

The PACU is the post anesthesia care unit. This is the room where your family/friend will be watched closely after surgery. It is important to maintain a quiet, calm environment for the safety and comfort of your family/friend.

No visiting is permitted in the PACU.



If you need to contact us, please use the direct telephone line available to you in the waiting room (D10-117). We ask for your patience as we care for your family/friend.

How long will my family/friend stay in the PACU?

The length of stay in the PACU depends on the type of anesthesia your family/friend received and the length of their surgery. The average PACU stay is 2 ~ 3 hours.

If my family/friend has to stay overnight in the PACU, may I see them?

You may visit after 7pm once the activity in the PACU has decreased for the day. We ask you to limit your visit to 1 person at a time for a maximum of 5 minutes.





What will happen when my family/friend goes home from the PACU?

When your family/friend is ready to go home, we will contact you by phone in the waiting room. You will then be ask to come to the recovery area to receive discharge information.



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