

THE ART OF HOSPITAL VISITATION

WHEN TO VISIT AND OTHER TIME FACTORS

Follow visiting hours
Avoid mealtimes
Pre-surgery visits helpful
How long should you stay?

ENTERING THE ROOM

You're the guest
Obey the rules
When the door is closed

IN THE ROOM

When the room is shared
No ganging up
No smoking

FOCUS ON THE PATIENT

Where to stand...or sit
Should you touch?
When and how to pray
Don't share bad news
Don't argue
Don't whisper
Don't challenge the treatment
Be sensitive
Leave when you say you're leaving

FOCUS ON YOURSELF

Be relaxed
Can you be heard?
Don't gossip
Be a listener

YOUR PURPOSE

Have one
Offering yourself
Coordinating visits