

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