

**OHSU HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

**PATIENT CARE SERVICES DIVISION - NURSING POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

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**Doernbecher Children's Hospital/Pediatric Cluster:  
Guidelines for Parental Presence During Resuscitation, Invasive  
Procedures, and Emergent-Urgent Care Procedures (dch-p-r.01)**

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**Philosophy Statement:** During emergencies such as CPR, invasive procedures or during general emergent-urgent care situations, parents or primary caregivers are supported in being with their children to maintain the primacy and integrity of the parent:child relationship. The Operating Room and planned, sedated procedures are excluded.

**PRACTICE GUIDELINES:**

1. Parents or primary caregivers are supported by staff in being present at the bedside with their child at these times. Support is also provided to parents who choose not to be present during the event(s).
2. Contraindications to parental presence during CPR and invasive procedures may include but are not limited to:
  - o family members who demonstrate combative, disruptive or violent behaviors (including uncontrolled emotional outbursts);
  - o behaviors consistent with an altered mental state from drugs or alcohol; or
  - o those suspected of abuse if their behavior or status with DHS warrants exclusion
  - o behaviors that interfere with the healthcare team's ability to provide care

**Bibliography:**

- American Association of Critical Care Nurses (2004). Practice Alert: Family Presence During Codes and Procedures. Aliso Viejo, CA.
- Mangurten, et al, (2005) "Family Presence: Making Room", American Journal of Nursing, May 2005, vol. 105, no. 5

**Related forms and Procedures:**

- None

**Supersedes:** None

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