

**TITLE:** Patient Visitation Policy

**Policy Owner:** UConn Student Health and Wellness

**Applies to:** Persons visiting patients at UConn Student Health and Wellness.

**PURPOSE:** To define the expectations for persons visiting patients, recognizing our mission to foster the lifelong physical and emotional well-being of our students, while recognizing and promoting our commitment to non-discrimination.

**POLICY:** UConn Student Health and Wellness staff prohibits discrimination on the basis of an individual's race, color, ethnicity, religious creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, genetic information, physical or mental disability (including learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and past or present history of mental illness), veteran's status, prior conviction of a crime, gender identity or expression, or membership in any other protected classes.

**PROCEDURE:**

In support of each patient's rights, UConn Student Health and Wellness allows patients to receive visitors which the patient designates including, but not limited to the following: spouse, domestic partners, including same-sex domestic partnerships, legal parents, foster parents, step-parents, and other persons operating in caretaker roles. Such designation fosters the emotional support and the well-being of our patients. Patients may, at any time, withdraw or deny such consent.

Visitors have access to public areas during regular hours of operation.

Visitors may accompany students to clinical areas with the consent of the student and clinician. Visitors are permitted in the inpatient unit from 8:00am to 10:00pm unless it is disruptive to care.

Visitors may be restricted or asked to leave at the discretion of clinicians.

Visitors do not have to be legally related to the patient and are entitled to enjoy visitation privileges that are no more restrictive than those experienced by immediate family members. All visitors enjoy full and equal visitation privileges consistent with patient privileges and the limitations set forth in this policy.

**Effective and Revised Dates: 10/19**