

Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices by Patients, Family Members and Visitors

Cell Phone Volume and Conversations:

- Cell phones may not be used in areas of the Hospital where they might interfere with patient care equipment. All patients, family members and visitors must **turn off** cell phones in these areas. Signs will be posted or Nationwide Children's staff members will tell you where cell phones may not be used.
- Ring tones should be set to vibrate **in patient care areas at all times and in public areas between the hours of 10pm and 6am.**
- Please do not talk on a cell phone while also talking to a Nationwide Children's staff member (including doctors, nurses, and admission staff).

Taking Photos and Recording in Public Areas

- Photos or recordings in public areas (this includes halls and waiting areas) must be limited to members of your family. **Photographing or recording staff or other patients and families without their permission is strictly prohibited.**

Taking Photos and Recording in Patient Care Areas

- In patient care areas, **photos** of patients may be taken only if the patient is your own family member. You must have the **approval of the patient's parent or guardian.**
- In patient care areas, **recordings** of patients are permitted only if the patient is your own family member. You must have the **approval of the patient's parent or guardian and doctor.**
- When camera use is allowed, the camera must be battery-operated. No tripods or extra light sources are allowed.
- Nationwide Children's staff members may not be included in any photos or recordings taken by patients, family members or visitors.
- Any photos or recordings you take of a patient must be for personal use only.
- If you have any concerns about photos or recordings that anyone may have taken of you or your family members, please tell a Nationwide Children's staff member.