



LABOR & DELIVERY VIDEO TAPING GUIDELINES

Video taping is allowed in labor and delivery according to the following guidelines:

- ◆ **The use of audio-visual equipment, which includes, video cameras, tape recorders, digital or cell phone cameras and still photography, is not permitted during the delivery of the newborn. This includes vaginal deliveries as well as Cesarean sections.**
- ◆ **The use of audio-visual equipment may be used during the course of labor when procedures are not being performed. It also may be used after the delivery of the newborn, when nursing care is completed, as instructed by your nurse.**
- ◆ **Videotaping will be with the consent of the mother. The privacy of all patients will be maintained at all times.**
- ◆ **The camera operator will stop taping at the request of the physicians, nurse or pediatric personnel if complications develop.**
- ◆ **It is recommended that video cameras should be battery operated. The use of electrical cords may cause a safety hazard.**
- ◆ **Videotaping during direct patient care procedures is not allowed. These procedures include: epidurals, spinals, catheterization, etc.**
- ◆ **Labor and Delivery visiting policies will be in effect for anyone transferred to the operating room. Only one support person is allowed in the delivery room. No video camera is permitted in the operating room. Still cameras may be used, but only after nursing care of the newborn is completed. Your nurse will guide you.**
- ◆ **Videotaping in the recovery room may be permitted at the recovery room nurses' discretion. There may be several patients in the recovery room at the same time. Patient privacy will be respected at all times.**
- ◆ **Not everyone wishes to be videotaped. Please be aware of that and ask before taping hospital personnel.**

HELPFUL HINTS

Be familiar with your camera equipment before being admitted to the hospital.

Extra film and batteries may be needed. Have plenty on hand.

Keep video camera batteries charged and ready to use.