Should you need anything during your stay, call ext. 2311.
Don’t forget to ask . . .

Questions often arise between visits by your doctors and nurses. Use this document to jot down those questions. Talk with your health care providers to remain informed about your condition and treatment. Ask them to explain anything you don’t fully understand. You are an important member of your health care team.

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THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING GULF BREEZE HOSPITAL

Our Gulf Breeze Hospital team is here for one reason – to provide you with world-class care in a compassionate environment. We hold ourselves accountable for providing quality health care and, as a faith-based organization, to do so with respect, courtesy and dignity. Our core values are woven into our culture, represented by our Mission of helping people throughout life’s journey. We live that mission every day, seen through our Values of Ownership, Integrity, Compassion, Excellence and Service.

To help ensure we consistently improve our services, we provide surveys to randomly selected patients following their stays in our hospital. You may be contacted by our survey vendor, Press Ganey. If so, we encourage you to participate.

Your comments and questions are welcome at any time during your care. Please be sure to ask your nurse or call 850.934.2100 for anything you need.

As the only not-for-profit and locally governed health care system in the region, we have a personal interest in you and your loved ones’ health. We live in this community, and in a sense, we’re all part of a big family. Thank you for choosing Gulf Breeze Hospital as your health care provider. Our goal is to always ensure a great health care experience for you and the ones you love.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Bobby Potomski
Administrator
Gulf Breeze Hospital
OUR MISSION
The Mission of Baptist Health Care is to help people throughout life’s journey.

OUR VISION
The Vision of Baptist Health Care is to be the trusted partner for improving the quality of life in the communities we serve.

OUR VALUES

OWNERSHIP
Accountability, engaged, stewardship, responsive, committed

INTEGRITY
Honest, principled, trustworthy, transparent

COMPASSION
Empathetic, merciful, sensitive, kind, giving, forgiving, hopeful

EXCELLENCE
Safety, quality, distinguished, learning, improving

SERVICE
Welcoming, attentive, humble, respectful, exceeds expectations, collaborative
WE WELCOME YOU

The team members of Gulf Breeze Hospital want to make your stay as comfortable as possible. Your health and well-being are our top concerns, and our goal is to exceed your expectations. This guide is designed to answer your questions and ease the transition from home to hospital for both you and your visitors. If we forgot to mention something, or if you have additional questions, please call 850.934.2311. Our house supervisors will answer your questions or find someone who can.

ADMITTING

Patients are admitted to Gulf Breeze Hospital from 5 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Outpatient Registration area. After 5 p.m. and on weekends, patients are admitted through the Emergency Department. A team member will greet you and escort you to your assigned room.

INSURANCE AND PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

You will need your insurance card and your personal photo identification when you are admitted. Information from your insurance card and photo ID will be included in your registration information. Your photo ID will be reviewed and scanned to ensure your medical identity remains protected. A registration team member will verify all of this required information each and every visit. You also will be asked to sign consent forms for treatment. A parent or guardian must sign consent forms for minors. Other required patient information can be provided at check-in.

Hospital policy states that patients must provide insurance information prior to or at the time of admitting. When no insurance information is available for a patient previously admitted to the hospital, team members will use past admitting history for the insurance information as long as the patient confirms this information is still correct.

New patients with no past hospital history will be admitted as “self pay.” When this information is received and confirmed, records will be updated to match current insurance information.

Upon admission or during your stay, a financial representative will speak to you regarding your insurance coverage and your financial responsibility. A payment resolution will be made at that time.

PHYSICIAN ORDERS

Please bring your physician’s admission orders when you check into the hospital.

HOSPITALISTS

During your stay, you may be seen by a hospitalist. These physicians provide inpatient care and communicate to your physician any important developments that may occur throughout your stay. Once you are discharged, your primary care provider will take over your care.

PRE-SURGERY DEPARTMENT

When your physician’s team member schedules your surgery, he/she may schedule a pre-surgical appointment for you. At this appointment, you will make all arrangements necessary for your surgery. You may sign surgical consents and insurance forms and have laboratory work and diagnostic tests ordered by your doctor including EKGs and X-rays. The pre-surgical nurse will discuss special instructions and provide information about your surgery. If you have any questions, please write them down and ask the nurse or call the Pre-Surgery Department at 850.934.2063.

TIPS FOR SURGERY/PREVENTING ADVERSE EVENTS

Before surgery, talk with your surgeon and anesthesiologist (the doctor or nurse who will put you to sleep) about:

• Risks, benefits, alternatives and possible outcomes of your procedure
• All medications (including over the counter medicines like aspirin and supplements) you are taking before surgery and which ones you should stop taking prior to surgery.

• Your medical history and any medical conditions you have.

Have someone you trust take you to and from your surgery and be with you at the surgery facility. Have someone you trust available to make medical decisions for you at times you are not able to make your own decisions. If your surgery is outpatient, you will need someone to stay with you for at least 24 hours post op.

Take care of your body before surgery:

• Shower and wash your hair before surgery.

• Do not wear make-up or fingernail polish.

• Do not use a razor in the area of your surgery prior to surgery. (This may increase the chance of infections because of the risk of leaving small cuts on the skin.)

• A surgical technician or nurse may remove hair at your surgical site, if needed, using clippers.

A “time out” is performed just before surgery by your surgical team. This is done to make sure they are doing the right surgery on the right body part on the right person.

If appropriate, your surgical site will be marked to ensure correct-site surgery.

Make sure a hospital arm band is placed on you. Make sure the information is correct, as it will be used for patient identification.

Blood clots can lead to heart attacks and strokes. When you have surgery, you are at risk of getting blood clots because you do not move while under anesthesia. Your doctor will know your risks for blood clots and take steps that will help prevent them, such as giving you the right medications before and after surgery.

To help prevent surgical infection:

• Manage your glucose (blood sugar) between 80–140, especially before and after surgery.

• Stop smoking (at least as long as possible before and after surgery).

• Keep warm. (Wear warm clothes, heat your car before coming to hospital in cool weather, ask for blankets if you are cold, etc.)

• Wash your hands often and always ask everyone (including doctors and nurses) when they enter the room to clean their hands. Hand sanitizer or soap and water should be used by everyone when they enter and exit your room. If you do not see them do so, ask your care team members to wash their hands before examining or providing care for you.

• Most preventative antibiotics should be given within 60 minutes before surgery and should be stopped within 24 hours in most cases. Ask your doctor or nurses about antibiotics before your surgery.

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

The Rapid Response Team or RRT is a team of nurses and respiratory therapists trained to assist when there are signs that a patient may be getting sicker. The purpose of this team is to provide help BEFORE there is a medical emergency.

If there is a concern or question about a patient care issue, a special team of health care workers can be called to assist with the patient’s care. We ask that you first take your concerns to your nurse or charge nurse as they may be able to speak with the doctor and remedy the situation quickly.

If you or your family have a concern about your condition that you feel has not been addressed by your nurse or doctor, you or your family may call for the Rapid Response Team by dialing ext. 333 on a hospital phone and asking to have the Rapid Response Team paged to see you.

We are committed to providing the best care to our patients and take the concerns of family and loved ones seriously.

WARNINGS SIGNS THAT A PATIENT MAY BE GETTING SICKER:

• Change in the heart rate or respiratory (breathing) rate

• A drop in blood pressure (much lower than it has been)

• Changes in urinary output (much more or much less urine)

• Confusion or other changes in mental (thinking) status

• Something simply does not look or seem right with the patient

HOW FAMILY MEMBERS CAN HELP

• Ask the nurse taking care of your family member to look at the patient so that you can share your concerns.

• Ask the nurse to call the Rapid Response Team when there are warning signs that the patient is getting sicker.

or

• Dial Ext. 2311 and ask the house supervisor to send the Rapid Response Team to the patient’s location.
PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS
THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OUR PATIENTS

Baptist Health Care, in order to foster better channels of communications, closer patient and hospital relationships and more efficient care, is pleased to share the following Bill of Rights for you and your family.

YOU, OR WHEN APPROPRIATE, YOUR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS TO:

• Be treated with courtesy and respect, appreciation of your individual dignity and protection of your need for privacy. Expect full consideration of your privacy and confidentiality in care discussions, examinations and treatments. You may ask for a chaperone during any type of examination.
• Receive respectful and compassionate care regardless of your age, gender, race, religion, culture, language, disabilities, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression
• Be called by your proper name and know the identity and professional status of the individuals providing medical services and care
• Receive information in a manner that is understandable and have access to a sign language or foreign language interpreter at no cost to you
• Be informed of patient support services available to you at Baptist
• Receive prompt and reasonable responses to questions and requests
• Be provided with information about advance directives, living wills or durable powers of attorney for health care decision making and have your health care provider or Baptist comply with these directives
• Be told by your health care provider about your diagnosis and possible prognosis, planned course of treatment (plan of care), the alternatives, benefits and risks of treatment, and expected outcome of treatment, including unanticipated outcomes. You have the right to give written informed consent before any non-emergency procedure begins.
• Be informed of your health status and be able to request or refuse treatment that is medically necessary and accept or refuse medical care or treatment, except as otherwise provided by law.
• Be given, upon request, full information and necessary counseling on the availability of known financial resources for your care and a copy of an itemized bill
• Know, upon request and in advance of treatment, whether or not your health care provider or health care facility accepts the Medicare assignment rate if you are eligible for Medicare
• Be given the Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice within 36 hours if you are a Medicare beneficiary and are receiving observation services. As a Medicare beneficiary, you also have the right to be provided the “Important Message from Medicare,” which describes Medicare non-coverage and the right to appeal premature discharge. Non-Medicare beneficiaries receiving observation services also have the right to be notified within 36 hours.
• Receive treatment for emergency medical conditions that will deteriorate from failure to provide treatment
• Receive care in a safe environment free from all forms of abuse, neglect or harassment
• Be free from restraints and seclusion in any form that is not medically required
• To retain and use personal clothing or possessions as space permits, unless doing so would infringe upon the rights of another patient or is medically contraindicated or unsafe for you or others
• Expect that all communication and records about your care are confidential, unless disclosure is allowed by law. You have the right to see or get a copy of your medical records as quickly as its record keeping system permits. You may request an amendment to your medical record by contacting the health information management department. Upon request, you have the right to receive a list of names to whom your personal health information was disclosed.
• Know if medical treatment is for purposes of medical research and to agree or refuse to take part in medical research studies
• Voice your concerns about the care you receive. If you have a problem or complaint, please tell your nurse, charge nurse or the house supervisor. If still unresolved, you may also file a grievance or complaint. See Page 9.
• Be asked upon admission whether you want a family member or representative and your physician notified of your admission, and if so, they will be promptly notified.
• Bring any person of your choosing to patient-accessible areas to accompany you while receiving inpatient or outpatient treatment or while consulting with your provider, unless doing so would risk your safety or health or the safety or health of others
• Be made aware of what facility rules and regulations apply to your conduct
• Be informed of the visitation guidelines
• Decide not to answer questions relating to the presence or ownership of a firearm that does not alter existing law regarding a physician’s authorization to choose his or her patients. You have the right to be respected of your legal right to own or possess a firearm, and providers should refrain from unnecessarily harassing patients about firearm ownership during an examination.
• Ask and be informed of any business relationships between the hospital and educational institutions, other health care providers or payers that may influence your care and treatment

AS A PATIENT, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:
• Informing your health care provider, to the best of your knowledge, of accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications and other matters relating to your health.
• Asking questions when you do not understand information or instructions. If you believe you cannot follow through with your treatment plan, you are responsible for telling your doctor. You are responsible for outcomes if you do not follow the care, treatment and services plan.
• Actively participating in your pain management plan and keeping your doctors and nurses informed of the effectiveness of your treatment.
• Keeping appointments and, when you are unable to do so, notifying your health care provider.
• Helping to facilitate the safe delivery of care by reporting any perceived risks in your care.
• Providing the health care team or your doctor with a copy of your advance directive if you have one.
• Providing complete and accurate information about your health insurance coverage and paying your bills in a timely manner.

It is this spirit that we constantly try to foster. We hope the information provided in this Bill of Rights will give you greater insight into how the hospital seeks to achieve this aim and how you can participate in advancing and sustaining it.

If you feel you would like to obtain further information about these rights and responsibilities or express your point of view on any aspect of your health care program, please ask to speak to the nurse manager or house supervisor, or you may write or call a representative of administration.

Please note that if a patient is a minor and unable to make these determinations, this information applies to the parent or guardian. If the patient is, for any reason, incapable of participating in the decision-making process regarding medical therapy, this information applies to the designated responsible adult or health care surrogate.

REGULATORY AGENCIES
FILING A GRIEVANCE OR COMPLAINT

If you have concerns about patient care and safety at Baptist Health Care, please tell a nurse, nurse leader or house supervisor. You may also contact Baptist Health Care Clinical Safety & Excellence department at 850.434.4820. If these patient care and safety concerns continue to remain unresolved, we encourage you to contact the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration at 2727 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL, 32308 or call 1.888.419.3456. You may also contact DNV GL–Healthcare by email at hospitalcomplaint@dnvgl.com, by phone at 1.866.496.9647 or via their website at http://dnvglhealthcare.com/patient-complaint-report. You may also contact The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) at 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244 or by calling 800.633.4227 or cms.gov/center/ombudsman.asp.

NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Baptist Health Care complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. Baptist Health Care does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

Baptist Health Care provides:
• Free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  • Qualified sign language interpreters and video remote interpreting
  • Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
• Free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  • Qualified interpreters
  • Information written in other languages
If you need these services, contact the hospital operator at 850.434.4011. For physician services, please contact 850.437.8600.

If you believe that Baptist Health Care has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance with: ADA Coordinator, 1000 West Moreno St., Pensacola, FL 32501, 850.434.4018, ADACoordinator@bhcpns.org. You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax or email. If you need help filling a grievance, call the ADA coordinator at 850.434.4018 and let us help you. However, if you feel you need additional support, you can file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201; 800.868.1019, 1.800.537.7697 (TDD).

Complaint forms are available at hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

**LANGUAGE AND INTERPRETER SERVICES**

At Baptist Health Care, we provide free professional medical interpreters to patients who are LEP (limited English proficiency) or who are deaf, hard of hearing, vision impaired and/or blind. Language services are available 24/7 to all patients and families for appointments, procedures and hospital stays. There is no cost to patients for interpretations at the hospital or any of our facilities. The hospital will provide appropriate auxiliary aids free of charge, including language line services, in-person interpreters, video remote interpreting and written materials. Please contact the house supervisor if you need language services during your visit or stay by calling 850.434.4011.

Interpreter services are available to you at no cost.

**SPANISH**

**FRENCH CREOLE**

**VIETNAMESE**

**PORTUGUESE**

**CHINESE**

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1.850.434.4011.

**FRENCH**

ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d’aide linguistique-vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1.850.434.4011.

**TAGALOG**

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1.850.434.4011.

**RUSSIAN**

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1.850.434.4011.

**ITALIAN**

ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l’italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1.850.434.4011.

**GERMAN**


**KOREAN**

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1.850.434.4011 번으로 전화해 주십시오.

**POLISH**

UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1.850.434.4011.

**GUJARATI**

**THAI**

เริ่ม: ถ้าคุณพูดภาษาไทยคุณสามารถใช้บริการช่วยแปลทางภาษาได้ฟรี โทร 1.850.434.4011.

**ARABIC**

كما نحن نقدم خدمة تدقيق اللغة في اللغة العربية، كما يمكنكم استخدام الخدمة مجانًا. الرجاء الاتصال بنا على الرقم: 1.850.434.4011.
BAPTIST HEALTH CARE
QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY

The team at Baptist Health Care wants you to know that safe, high quality health care is our priority.

Scan the QR code to view information about quality, safety and patient experience at Baptist Hospital, Gulf Breeze Hospital and Jay Hospital.
ABOUT YOUR STAY

YOUR PRIVATE ROOM
We want you to be happy with your room while staying with us. A hospital is the last place you want to be, but if you need that level of care, you want rest, quiet and privacy.

PERSONAL ITEMS
You are encouraged to bring your own sleepwear, robe, rubber-soled slippers and personal care items when you are admitted.

Be extremely careful with small personal items such as glasses, dentures and hearing aids. Keep them in your nightstand when they are not in use. Never wrap dentures or rings in tissue or a washcloth, and do not put them on your meal tray. They may accidentally be thrown away. Ask your nurse for a denture cup. Rings and other valuables should be sent home or put in the hospital safe until your discharge.

VALUABLES
If you have valuable items with you, we encourage you to send them home with a family member. Please do not leave them in your room. If, however, you have no choice but to keep the items with you, Gulf Breeze Hospital has a safe. Patient care team members will help you store your small items there if necessary. It is important to note that Baptist Health Care is not responsible for your valuables.

PATIENT MEALS
Proper nutrition is an important part of the healing process. With that in mind, your physician will prescribe a diet plan for you.

We are proud to be the only hospital in our area to offer room service for your dietary needs. You may select from an extensive menu and schedule your meal at a time that is best for you.

Please understand, due to patient safety and ensuring that the prescribed diet plan is followed, we discourage bringing outside food into the hospital. If you choose to have personal food brought in, Gulf Breeze Hospital cannot store it.

Room Service Line: 908.MEAL(6325)
Room Service Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

After hours, light snacks and drinks are available on each unit.

NUTRITION CONSULTS
Registered dietitians are available to see you Monday through Friday, either by physician’s order or at your request. Please notify your nurse if you wish to speak with a dietitian.
TELEPHONE SERVICE
Telephones are provided in all rooms except the critical care unit. Patients can receive calls in their rooms from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. If patients do not wish to be disturbed, they can ask the operator or their nurse to turn off the phone.

LOCAL CALLS
Dial 9 plus the number.
Local calls can be made from the room at any time.

INCOMING CALLS
Family and friends can call directly into the patient’s room by dialing 850.934.2(room number).

ROOM-TO-ROOM CALLS
Calls between rooms at Gulf Breeze Hospital can be placed by dialing 2 plus the room number.

DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE
Dial 0 for the hospital operator.

CELLULAR PHONES
Cell phones and other wireless communication devices are permitted in areas where they will not interfere with medical equipment. Communication devices are not allowed in intensive care areas, operating rooms, emergency rooms, radiology and the laboratory. Signs are posted in areas where cell phones are prohibited.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
Administration ................................. 850.934.2100
Admitting ........................................ 850.934.2020
Gulf Breeze Hospital Main Number ........ 850.934.2000
Women’s Imaging .............................. 850.934.2143
Business Office ................................. 850.469.2000
Cancer Support Services ..................... 850.469.2224
Cardiopulmonary Department ............ 850.934.2190
Diabetes Education/Outpatient Nutrition Counseling ........ 850.434.4747
Diagnostic Imaging .......................... 850.934.2121
Dietary/Nutrition Services .................. 850.934.2358
Emergency Department ..................... 850.934.2111
House Supervisor/Patient Complaints ...... 850.934.2311
Housekeeping .................................. 850.934.2069
Laboratory ........................................ 850.934.2140
Volunteer Chaplains ......................... 850.934.2101
Towers Pharmacy ............................... 850.434.4540
Wound Care ..................................... 850.916.3788

WAITING ROOM PHONE NUMBERS
For waiting room numbers, dial 0 for the operator. From outside the hospital, dial 850.934.2000.
Hospital Operator – 850.934.2000
From outside the hospital, call the operator to reach four-digit extension numbers.

WI-FI
Baptist Health Care has about 400 antennas deployed system-wide to accommodate Wi-Fi services at most facilities. Web users can access the internet from almost anywhere within the Baptist Health Care system. Simply log in as a “Guest” when accessing the internet from one of our campuses. The Guest network is a public Wi-Fi network provided free of charge to patients, visitors and contractors.

TELEVISION SERVICE
Television service is provided free of charge as a courtesy of Gulf Breeze Hospital. Please be considerate of other patients by playing your television as quietly as possible and remembering to turn off your set at bedtime. If you have any problems with your television, please notify your nurse or call ext. 2164 for the plant operations department recording and leave a message with your name and room number. Your call light contains your television remote control.
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NURSE BEDSIDE SHIFT REPORT

The nurse bedside shift report is when the nurses going off and coming on duty meet by your bedside to talk about your care. This gives you a chance to meet the nurse taking over your care, ask questions, and share important information with your nurses. The nurse bedside shift report does not replace the conversations you have with your doctor.

You can invite a family member or friend to stay during nurse bedside shift report. We will only talk about your health with others when you say it is OK.

WHEN IS THE NURSE BEDSIDE SHIFT REPORT?

Nurse bedside shift report happens every day between 7 and 7:30 a.m. and 7 and 7:30 p.m. It usually lasts 5 minutes.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

During the nurse bedside shift report, the nurses going off and coming on duty will:

- **Introduce themselves to you and anyone with you.** The nurse coming on duty will write his or her name and phone number on the white board in your room.

- **Invite you to take part in the nurse bedside shift report.** You should decide who else can take part with you.

- **Talk with you about your health,** including the reason you are in the hospital and what is going on with your care. The nurses will look at your IVs, injuries and bandages. They will also follow up on any tests that were done or lab work that was ordered.

- **Ask you what could have gone better** during the last shift and what you hope to do during the next shift. For example, you may want to get out of bed or just sleep. The nurse will try to help you meet this goal.

- **Encourage you to ask questions and share your concerns.** If needed, the nurse coming on duty may come back after the bedside shift report to spend more time discussing your concerns.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- **Listen.** You are an important part of the health care team. We want to make sure you have complete and timely information about your care.

- **Speak up.** If you have questions or concerns, the nurse bedside shift report is the perfect time to raise them.

- **Ask questions if something is confusing.** If the nurses use any words or share any information you don’t understand, feel free to ask them to explain it.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU RECEIVE THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE.

If you have any concerns about the quality or safety of your care during your hospital stay, please let your nurse or doctor know.

If you are still concerned, call the house supervisor at 850.934.2311.

If the nurse bedside shift report does not happen, ask to speak with the nurse manager.

Being a partner in your care helps you get the best care possible in the hospital. Taking part in the nurse bedside shift report is one way you can be a partner.
FOR YOUR COMFORT

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS
Gulf Breeze Hospital has volunteer chaplains who assist in the hospital’s overall healing ministry by offering care for the spiritual welfare of patients and their families. We understand that being hospitalized can be a very stressful time for both patients and their families, and we are concerned about meeting your emotional and spiritual needs.

At your request, we will be glad to notify your pastor or minister when you are admitted. We also have volunteer chaplains available on call 24 hours a day. If you would like to speak with a volunteer chaplain or if you have any special needs, please ask the patient care team members to contact the house supervisor at ext. 2311, or call 934.2101 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

CHAPEL
The chapel is located on the second floor of the hospital across from the elevator and is open at all times for prayer and meditation. All faiths and denominations are welcome.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP
Concord Presbyterian Church – 4191 Gulf Breeze Parkway • 850.932.6243
First Baptist Church – 55 Fairpoint Drive • 850.932.2207
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – 4257 Gulf Breeze Parkway • 850.932.9127
Gulf Breeze Church of Christ – 2962 Gulf Breeze Parkway • 850.932.3715
Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church – 100 Andrew Jackson Trail • 850.932.3625
Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church – 75 Fairpoint Drive • 850.932-3594
Midway Baptist Church – 5471 Gulf Breeze Parkway • 850.932.6549
Santa Rosa Shores Baptist Church – 3153 Gulf Breeze Parkway • 850.932.9128
St Francis Assisi Episcopal Church – 1 St. Francis Drive • 850.932.2861
St. Ann Catholic Church – 1 Daniel St. • 850.932.2859
St. Paul United Methodist Church – 4901 Gulf Breeze Parkway • 850.932.8002
St. Sylvester Catholic Church – 6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway • 850.939.3020

AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS
Gulf Breeze Hospital is blessed with dedicated men and women who volunteer their time to help our team members care for you. We are grateful to these people who unselfishly give many hours of their time for the well-being of our patients. Auxiliary volunteers can be recognized by their royal blue uniforms and identification badges as they escort patients and their families throughout the hospital and provide assistance at the information desk and other departments as needed. If you need assistance from a volunteer or if you are interested in joining the Auxiliary at Gulf Breeze Hospital, please call the auxiliary office at 850.934.2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
We service your room several times a day. The following is a list of duties your housekeeper provides:

- Empty trash
- Damp wipe with disinfectant touch points such as door handles, light switches, telephone receiver, bed rails, tray table and nurse call/TV remote
- Clean and sanitize restroom
- Replenish toilet tissue, paper towels, soap and hand sanitizer
- Sweep and mop floor

If you need assistance with any of these items, please call ext. 2311.

PAIN MANAGEMENT
Gulf Breeze Hospital supports and respects each patient’s right to pain management, and our goal is to help you recover safely and quickly. Unfortunately, pain is common with illness and can be expected after surgery. Everyone experiences pain differently. Please talk openly with your health care team members to know what hurts and how much it hurts so that we can respond appropriately. Successful pain management may not eliminate all of your pain although the goal is to control your pain enough so that you can rest and do activities to help you recover. There
are a variety of options for reducing pain including relaxation techniques, applying cold or heat, listening to music, massage, physical therapies, oral and topical medications, and other measures (please ask your team member for additional information). While most pain is physical, we also recognize that pain and discomfort can be mental, emotional or spiritual, which we also want to help manage. We have social workers, chaplains and other health care professionals who are trained to address and assist in dealing with difficulties or hardships you may experience.

You have the right to treatment of your pain during all parts of your care. We will ask you to rate your pain using the pain scales below. Based on the rating, and being careful that treatment does not interfere with your recovery, we will treat your pain with pain medications and/or comfort measures.

DO:
- Tell your nurse when pain first begins.
- Tell your nurse how your pain feels.
- Tell your nurse if your pain is not relieved.
- Tell your nurse if you have any worries about taking pain medicine.
- Call for assistance before getting up after you have received pain medication.

DON’T:
- Drink alcohol while taking pain medication.
- Take medicine, herbal extracts, stimulants or other medicines not authorized by your doctor while taking pain medications.
- Take street drugs.
- Wait until your pain is unbearable before telling your nurse.

**PAIN ASSESSMENT TOOL**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

No Pain 1-3 Moderate Severe VerySevere Worst Pain Possible

**SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Your safety is very important to all of us at Gulf Breeze Hospital, and we are working to make your stay with us a positive experience. You, as the patient, also can play a vital role in making your care safe by becoming an active, involved and informed member of your health care team. You are the center of the health care team. To help you stay involved, you are urged to consider the following:

**INFORMED CONSENT**

Read and understand any consent forms you are requested to sign. Ask questions! If you have concerns or are not sure what is being planned, you should ask your nurse, physician, or another member of your health care team. Speak up. If you have questions or concerns, or don’t understand, ask again. You have the right to know and question all aspects of your care.

**SMOKING POLICY**

As a health care organization, Baptist Health Care recognizes the hazards of smoking and second-hand smoke.

To create a healthy environment for everyone who visits our campuses, Baptist Health Care is “smoke free.” Smoking and second-hand smoke have the potential to impact treatment, including slowing medication absorption and healing. If you have concerns, please talk with your physician. Patients wanting to smoke can be provided with nicotine replacement therapy.

Please help us support an environment of healing as well as a healthier community.

**IDENTIFICATION**

Expect team members to introduce themselves. Look at their identification badges. If they don’t introduce themselves, ask who they are and what their role is in your care plan.

A white wrist identification band will be given to you when you are admitted. Check the information on it to make sure it is correct. This will be used to positively identify you before you are given any medications, tests or procedures. If the band comes off or becomes illegible, notify a member of your health care team so it can be replaced immediately. At Gulf Breeze Hospital, we use two patient identifiers, your full name and your date of birth. Your health care team will ask you for this information many times during your stay. Please help us keep you safe by providing this information each time.

If you have an allergy, please inform team members during the admitting process or tell a member of your health care team.
Talk to your health care provider about how to treat your pain. Create a safe and effective treatment plan that is right for you.

### Alternatives to Opioids: Medications

**ADVANTAGES:**
- Can control and alleviate mild to moderate pain with few side effects.
- Can reduce exposure to opioids and dependency.

**DISADVANTAGES:**
- May not be covered by insurance.
- May not be effective for severe pain.

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<td><strong>Acetaminophen (Tylenol)</strong></td>
<td>Relieves mild–moderate pain, and treats headache, muscle aches, arthritis, backache, toothaches, colds and fevers. Overdoses can cause liver damage.</td>
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<td><strong>Nerve Pain Medications:</strong> Gabapentin (Neuraptine), Pregabalin (Lyrica)</td>
<td>Relieve mild–moderate nerve pain (shooting and burning pain). Can cause drowsiness, dizziness, loss of coordination, tiredness and blurred vision.</td>
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<td><strong>Antidepressants:</strong> Effexor XR, Cymbalta, Savella</td>
<td>Relieve mild–moderate chronic pain, nerve pain (shooting and burning pain) and headaches. Depending on medication, side effects can include: drowsiness, dizziness, tiredness, constipation, weight loss or gain.</td>
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<td><strong>Medicated Creams, Foams, Gels, Lotions, Ointments, Sprays and Patches:</strong> Anesthetics (Lidocaine), NSAIDs, Muscle Relaxers, Capsaicin, Compound Topicals</td>
<td>Can be safer to relieve mild-moderate pain because medication is applied where the pain is. Anesthetics relieve nerve pain (shooting and burning pain) by numbing an area; NSAIDs relieve the pain of osteoarthritis, sprains, strains and overuse injuries; muscle relaxers reduce pain by causing muscles to become less tense or stiff; and capsaicin relieves musculoskeletal and neuropathic pain. Compounded topicals prepared by a pharmacist can be customized to meet a patient's specific needs. Skin irritation is the most common side effect. Capsaicin can cause warmth, stinging or burning on the skin.</td>
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<td><strong>Interventional Pain Management</strong></td>
<td>Includes anesthetic or steroid injections around nerves, tendons, joints or muscles; spinal cord stimulation; drug delivery systems; or permanent or temporary nerve blocks. Medicates specific areas of the body. Can provide short-term and long-term relief from pain. Certain medical conditions and allergies can cause complications.</td>
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<td><strong>Non-opioid Anesthesia</strong></td>
<td>Opioids can be replaced with safer medications that block pain during and after surgery. A health care provider or an anesthesiologist can provide options and discuss side effects.</td>
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Alternatives to Opioids: Therapies

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<td>Cold and heat: Ice relieves pain and reduces inflammation and swelling of intense injuries; heat reduces muscle pain and stiffness. Can provide short-term and long-term relief from pain. Too much heat can increase swelling and inflammation.</td>
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<td>Exercise and movement: Regular exercise and physical activity can relieve pain. Simply walking has benefits. Mind-body practices like yoga and tai chi incorporate breath control, meditation and movements to stretch and strengthen muscles. Maintaining daily exercise and overcoming barriers to exercise can be a challenge.</td>
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<td>Acupuncture: Acupuncturists* insert thin needles into the body to stimulate specific points to relieve pain and promote healing. Can help ease some types of chronic pain: low-back, neck and knee pain, and osteoarthritis pain. Can reduce the frequency of tension headaches. Bleeding, bruising and soreness may occur at insertion sites.</td>
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<td>Chiropractic: Chiropractic physicians* practice a hands-on approach to treat pain including manual, mechanical, electrical and natural methods, and nutrition guidance. Can help with pain management and improve general health. Aching or soreness in the spinal joints or muscles sometimes happens—usually within the first few hours after treatment.</td>
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<td>Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT): Osteopathic physicians* use OMT—a hands-on technique applied to muscles, joints and other tissues—to treat pain. Clinically-proven to relieve low-back pain. Soreness or stiffness in the first few days after treatment is possible.</td>
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<td>Massage therapy: Massage therapists* manually manipulate muscle, connective tissue, tendons and ligaments. Can relieve pain by relaxing painful muscles, tendons and joints. Can relieve stress and anxiety—possibly slowing pain messages to and from the brain. At certain points during a massage, there may be some discomfort—especially during deep tissue massage.</td>
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<td>Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS): TENS is the application of electrical current through electrodes placed on the skin with varying frequencies. Studies have shown that TENS is effective for a variety of painful conditions. The intensity of TENS is described as a strong but comfortable sensation. Allergic reactions to adhesive pads are possible.</td>
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<td>Occupational therapy: Occupational therapists* treat pain through the therapeutic use of everyday activities. Can relieve pain associated with dressing, bathing, eating and working. Therapy includes activities that increase coordination, balance, flexibility and range of motion. Therapy interventions and recommendations will not help if the patient does not practice as instructed.</td>
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<td>Physical therapy: Physical therapists* treat pain by restoring, enhancing and maintaining physical and functional abilities. Therapy interventions and recommendations will not help if the patient does not practice as instructed.</td>
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<td>Psychiatrists*, clinical social workers*, marriage and family therapists* and mental health counselors* provide therapies that identify and treat mental disorders or substance abuse problems that may be roadblocks to pain management. When used to manage pain, these therapies can take time.</td>
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SPEAK UP AND SHARE YOUR CONCERNS
Everyone has a role in making health care safe – including physicians, nurses, other health care team members and patients. Being an active and involved member of your health care team is an important way to make your care safer. To help prevent health care errors, patients are urged to follow the steps listed below.

S = Speak up if you have questions or concerns. If you still don’t understand, ask again. It’s your body, and you have a right to know.

P = Pay attention to the care you get. Always make sure you're getting the right treatments and medicines by the right health care professionals. Don’t assume anything.

E = Educate yourself about your illness. Learn about the medical tests you get and your treatment plan.

A = Ask a trusted family member or friend to be your advocate (advisor or supporter).

K = Know what medicines you take and why you take them. Medicine errors are the most common health care mistakes.

U = Use a hospital, clinic, surgery center or other type of health care organization that has been carefully checked out. For example, accrediting organizations, such as DNV GL-Healthcare, visit hospitals to see if they are meeting health care quality standards.

P = Participate in all decisions about your treatment. You are the center of the health care team.

MEDICATIONS
Please create a list of all medications you currently take and bring it with you when you are admitted to the hospital. Make sure to include any over-the-counter medications, herbal supplements and vitamins. Reactions from mixing medications are a major cause of illness, so knowing what you take will help your team provide better care. Ask for information about your medicines in terms you can understand – both when your medicines are prescribed and when you receive them. If you bring medications from home, give these medications to your nurse. Your physician will be prescribing medications and closely monitoring their effects. It is important that you do not take any medications (including over-the-counter medications such as aspirin or Tylenol) unless these are prescribed by your doctor and given to you by your nurse. This is for your safety and to prevent possible adverse drug reactions. Please don’t ignore this regulation. It could save your life.

Speak up if you think you are about to receive the wrong medication. Know your medications and when you should get them. You should be told about side effects that you may experience and why you are taking the medication. If you do not recognize a medication that you are given, ask the nurse to verify. If you are allergic to any medications, make sure that the nurse and doctor are aware.

MEDICATION SAFETY
• Remember to ask your nurse about side effects for each medication that you are receiving.
• Know the difference between a side effect, an adverse reaction and allergies to medication.
• Side effects – usually regarded as an undesirable effect which occurs in addition to the desired therapeutic effect of a drug or medication. When side effects of a drug or medication are severe, the dosage may be adjusted or a second medication may be prescribed. Lifestyle or dietary changes may also help to minimize side effects.
• Allergies – a group of symptoms caused by an allergic reaction to a drug or medication. Allergic reactions can range from irritating or mild side effects such as nausea and vomiting to life-threatening side effects.
• Adverse reaction – refers to any injury caused by the drug (at normal dosage) and any harm associated with the use of the drug.
• Always carry a current medication list with you.
• List all your medications, including over-the-counter ones such as Tylenol or aspirin; include vitamins, herbal medications and birth control pills.
• List all your allergies to medications and foods and document the reaction you experience from each allergen.
• Before taking any medication, ask your nurse, “What is this medication and why is my doctor ordering it for me?”
• Make sure your nurse asks your name and date of birth, or checks your arm band, before giving you medications.

ANTICOAGULATION DRUG INFORMATION
I. ANTICOAGULANT MEDICATION
An anticoagulant is a drug that interferes with the normal clotting of blood. It can prevent an existing clot from increasing in size, thereby preventing a heart attack or stroke. It is sometimes called a “blood thinner.” This is not really a correct term since the blood does not become thinner; it simply takes longer to clot. These drugs do not break up the clot but stop it from getting bigger or new clots from forming. They do this by reducing the amount of clotting factors. There are several types of anticoagulants: one is heparin, which is given by injection, usually at the beginning of treatment in the hospital; and the others include oral anticoagulants, taken by mouth.

II. WHY IT IS USED
Anticoagulants are used to prevent blood clots from forming due to various medical conditions or procedures.
III. WHO NEEDS ANTICOAGULATION THERAPY?

The four most common conditions for which anticoagulant therapy is prescribed are atrial fibrillation, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism and valvular repair/replacement.

• Atrial fibrillation is a common heart disorder that causes an irregular heartbeat that can lead to complications including blood clots.
• Deep vein thrombosis is a condition in which blood clots form in the deep blood vessels of the legs and groin. These blood clots can block the flow of blood from the legs back to the heart.
• Pulmonary embolism is a condition in which the bloodstream carries a piece of a blood clot from another location to a vessel in the lungs.
• Valvular repair or replacement: Sometimes a person has a heart valve that is damaged and needs to be replaced. If it is replaced with a mechanical valve made of man-made substances, the body recognizes it as a foreign object and attempts to protect the body against it. These patients are at higher risk of clot formation after the procedure, so anticoagulants and/or antiplatelet are used preventatively.

IV. SAFETY TIPS WHEN TAKING ANTICOAGULANTS

• Take the medication at the same time each day as instructed by your doctor.
• Check with your doctor before using nonprescription drugs, especially ones that contain aspirin or other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (such as ibuprofen or naproxen).
• Talk to your doctor before taking any vitamins, supplements or other natural products.
• Tell new health professionals that you are taking medication that affects how your blood clots.
• Be alert for signs of bleeding. Call the doctor immediately if any of the following symptoms occur:
  • Blood in urine or red or tarry stools
  • Bleeding from the nose or gums or spitting up blood
  • New, excessive or prolonged vaginal bleeding
  • Frequent, severe bruising or tiny red or purple spots on the skin
• Talk to your doctor about how often you should have blood tests.

IF YOU TAKE WARFARIN (SUCH AS COUMADIN):

• Get regular blood tests to ensure that you are taking the right amount of medication.
• Eat a balanced diet. Don’t suddenly change your intake of vitamin K–rich foods, such as broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, asparagus, lettuce, spinach and some vegetable juices. It is most important to maintain a consistent level of vitamin K in your diet. Vitamin K can interfere with the action of warfarin, making it more likely that your blood will clot.
• Avoid excessive use of alcohol. If you drink, do so only in moderation. Alcohol may increase the effect of warfarin.
• Don’t use tobacco of any kind.
• If other doctors prescribe medicines for you, tell them that you are taking warfarin. Talk to your doctor before taking any vitamins, supplements or other natural products. Do not take ginkgo biloba or garlic while using warfarin.
• Avoid activities that have a high risk for injury, such as skiing, football or other contact sports. If you are taking warfarin, an injury could result in excessive bleeding.
• Wear a seatbelt anytime you are traveling in a car.

PREVENTING MINOR BLEEDING WHILE TAKING ANTICOAGULANTS

You may find it helpful to use the following items to lower the risk of bleeding:

• An electric razor
• A soft-bristled toothbrush and waxed floss
• Protective clothing, such as gloves and shoes
• Nonslip mats in the tub and shower

WHAT TO DO IF YOU MISS A DOSE OF ANTICOAGULANT

• If you remember in the same day, take the missed dose. Then go back to your regular schedule.
• If it is the next day, or almost time to take the next dose, do not take the missed dose. At your next regularly scheduled time, take your normal anticoagulant dose.
• If you miss your dose for two or more days, call your doctor.
• Do not double the dose in any one day to make up for a missed dose.
• Call your doctor if you are not sure what to do if you missed a dose.
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Understanding your medications and possible side effects is very important for your safety. That is why we always take time to review this information with you. If you have any questions, please ask your nurse for assistance. If you experience any side-effects, notify your doctor or nurse immediately.

A pharmacist is available upon request for consultation on medication related questions. Please notify your nurse if you wish to speak with a pharmacist.
ELECTRICAL

It is the policy of Gulf Breeze Hospital that all patients will be provided an environment free of electrical hazards. The use of unsafe, faulty electrical equipment could cause fire, shock hazards, tripping hazards or unintentional circuit overloads. You may want to bring entertainment, grooming or other electrical appliances into the hospital. Certain devices are permitted, but the following rules must be followed to ensure your comfort and safety, as well as that of all of our patients. Inform a member of your health care team if you have an electrical device. All such items should be inspected by the hospital plant operations department to ensure compliance with the hospital's electrical safety policy. The following devices are prohibited: extension cords, heating pads or heating devices of any kind, including space heaters, heating blankets, curling irons, coffeepots and coffee makers. Electric shavers and hair dryers are generally permitted. All line-powered devices (plug into an outlet with a cord) must be UL Listed and have an Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) label. Line-powered devices must be in safe condition without evidence of wear, deterioration or repairs. They must be unplugged while not in use. Small battery-powered devices, such as clocks, radios and music players not including battery-chargers, are generally permitted. We encourage the use of earphones with electronic devices. Please do not use devices that disturb other patients. Never use your electrical appliance around water, and be careful to keep all cords away from traffic areas. If you notice any hospital electrical equipment that does not work properly (television, lights, etc.), please call house supervisor at ext. 2311. Permission to use a device, even if that device has been inspected by hospital personnel, is not a guarantee of safety. The hospital assumes no responsibility for any death, injury, damage, theft or other loss associated with any device brought into the hospital by a patient or visitor.

PREVENTING FALLS

At Gulf Breeze Hospital, our goal is to make your hospital stay as safe and pleasant as possible. To meet this goal, we have developed a fall prevention program that includes identification of patients at risk for falls and steps to prevent falls.

Patients who have certain illnesses, physical limitations, weakness or other medical conditions that increase the risk of falls will be identified by the placement of a yellow tab on your ID band. This tab alerts everyone involved in your care throughout the hospital that you are at risk to fall.

We need your help to safeguard against falls. Please follow these guidelines while you are in the hospital:

• Ask the nurse or physical therapist if you can be out of bed or go to the bathroom alone. Please follow their instructions for your safety.

• Ask for help before getting out of bed if you feel dizzy, weak or if you need help managing IV poles or other equipment.

• Tell the doctor or nursing team members if you have a history of falls.

• Wear non-skid slippers when getting out of bed. If you do not have these, ask the nursing team members; they will be happy to provide you with a pair of non-slip socks.

• Use the call bell in the bathroom if you need assistance getting back to bed.

• Certain medication may increase your risk of falling. Ask your nurse how your medications will affect you with each new medication ordered.

• Keep your call light within reach.

• Keep your bed in the lowest position when getting in or out.

• Do not try to climb over or around side rails.

• Do not hold onto or lean on bedside trays or chairs; these items may not be secure enough to hold your weight or may move unexpectedly.

• Request a bedside commode if you feel you need one.

• Don’t let fear of embarrassment cause you to hurry to the restroom and risk a fall.

• Use your walker or cane if you have one.

• Do not try to get up without help if you cannot walk safely with your IVs or tubes.

• Ask your family to notify the nurse when they leave if you are at risk for falls.

• Keep your room free from clutter and obstacles. Keep the lights on when out of bed.

INFECTION PREVENTION

A hospital is a place with many sick people. It is important to prevent the spread of germs and infections. Inside or outside a hospital, good hand hygiene is the best way to stop the spread of germs and infections. You and your family can help us control germs by following these rules:

• Follow cough etiquette by covering your mouth when coughing and sneezing, coughing into your sleeve, throwing away tissue after use and keeping a distance from others, if possible.

• Use antiseptic hand sanitizer. Rub in for 15 seconds and air dry hands if not visibly soiled.

• Wash your hands often and always after using the restroom, sneezing or coughing, and before eating.

  • Use warm water to wet hands.

  • Dispense soap and thoroughly lather.

  • Wash hands for at least 15 seconds (sing Happy Birthday to yourself).

  • Rinse hands thoroughly.

  • Dry hands completely and use paper towel to turn off faucet.
• Caution family not to bring children or come in to visit while they are experiencing any symptoms of colds, flu, vomiting or diarrhea.

• If you are placed on isolation during your hospitalization, this means you may have a sign and a cart placed outside your door alerting visitors and team members entering your room to take special precautions needed in order to protect you and others. Caution family members to check with the nurse regarding visitation and appropriate visitor precautions.

• If you have a urinary catheter, ask each day if it is necessary.

• Be sure everyone cleans their hands before touching you. Clean hands save lives.

• Ask team members if they have washed their hands. We have a “100% yes” culture if you ask us to wash our hands.

• Tell your doctor if you have three or more diarrhea episodes in 24 hours, especially if you have been taking an antibiotic.

• Get vaccinated against flu and other infections to avoid complications.

• If you have an IV, let your nurse know if there is redness at the insertion site.

• If you have a central line, do not touch it! The dressing should be clean and dry. Let your nurse know if it’s not. Ask your nurse to explain “scrub the hub.”

• Daily bathing helps prevent the spread of infection.

PROTECT YOUR SKIN FROM INJURY

WHAT ARE PRESSURE INJURIES?

A pressure injury is an injury that is caused by unrelieved pressure that damages the skin and underlying tissue. Pressure injuries are also known as “bed sores” and range in severity from mild (minor skin reddening) to severe (deep craters down to muscle and bone). Pressure injuries are serious problems that can lead to pain, a longer stay in the hospital and a slower recovery. Anyone who must stay in bed, chair or wheelchair because of illness or injury is at risk from health problems. Anyone who cannot move can get pressure injuries in even less time because the force on the skin is greater.

Unrelieved pressure on the skin compresses tiny blood vessels, which supply the skin with nutrients and oxygen. When skin is starved of nutrients and oxygen for too long, the tissue dies, and a pressure injury forms. Skin reddening that disappears after pressure is removed is normal and not a pressure injury.

Nerves normally tell the body when to move to relieve pressure on the skin through the sensation of pain. Persons in bed who are unable to move may get pressure injuries after as little as 1-2 hours. Persons who sit in chairs and who cannot move can get pressure injuries in even less time because the force on the skin is greater.

Other factors can contribute to the formation of pressure injuries. If a person slides down in the bed or chair, blood vessels can stretch or bend and cause skin damage. Even slight rubbing or friction on the skin may cause damage. Patients who are frequently incontinent of bowel and/or bladder may have overly moist skin, which will cause the skin to become fragile and damaged.

WHERE DO PRESSURE INJURIES FORM?

Pressure injuries typically form where bone causes the greatest force on the skin and tissue and squeezes them against an outside surface. This may be where bony parts of the body press against other body parts, a mattress or a chair. In persons who must stay in bed, most pressure injuries form on the lower back below the waist (sacrum), the hip bone (trochanter), and on the heels. Pressure injuries can form anywhere, but other common locations include on the knees, ankles, shoulder blades, back of the head and spine.

YOUR RISK

Confinement to a bed or chair, being unable to move, loss of bowel or bladder control, poor nutrition, lowered mental awareness and diminished sensation are some common risk factors that increase your chance of developing a pressure injury.

1. Bed or chair confinement – If you must stay in the bed, chair or wheelchair, the risk of getting a pressure injury can be high because you can unintentionally apply prolonged pressure to skin.

2. Inability to move – If you cannot change positions without help, you are at a greater risk of developing a pressure injury. Persons who are in a coma, who are paralyzed or who have a hip fracture are at an especially high risk. When you cannot change positions on your own, you may be exposing your skin to prolonged and excessive pressure.

3. Loss of bowel and bladder control – If you cannot keep your skin free of urine, stool or perspiration, you have a higher risk of developing a pressure injury. These sources of moisture may irritate and weaken the skin.

4. Poor nutrition – If you cannot eat a balanced diet, your skin may not be properly nourished. Pressure injuries are more likely to form when the skin is not healthy.

5. Lowered mental awareness – When mental awareness is lowered, a person may not be aware of their risk and cannot act to prevent pressure injuries. Mental awareness can be affected by health problems, medications and anesthesia.

6. Diminished or absent sensation – Some patients, specifically those who are paralyzed, may not be able to feel when they are exposed to prolonged pressure. Because they cannot feel the pain sensation associated with pressure, they do not know to relieve that pressure.

Fortunately, you can lower your risk. The following steps are based on research, professional judgment and
practice. These steps can also keep pressure injuries from getting worse. Talk to your nurse or doctor about which steps are right for you.

**PROTECT YOUR SKIN FROM INJURY**

Your skin should be thoroughly inspected at least once a day. Pay special attention to any reddened areas that remain after you have changed positions and the pressure has been relieved. This inspection can be done by yourself or your caregiver. Pay special attention to bony areas or pressure points. The goal is to find and correct problems before pressure injuries form.

Limit pressure over bony parts of your body by changing positions or having your caregiver shift your position frequently. If you are in bed, your position should be changed at least every two hours. If you are in a chair, your position should be changed at least every hour. Wedge pillows may be used to reposition and stabilize you.

Reduce friction (rubbing) by making sure you are shifted, rather than dragged, during repositioning. Friction can rub off the top layer of skin and damage blood vessels under the skin. If nurses or others are helping to shift you, bed pads can be used to reduce friction.

Minimize moisture from urine, stool, perspiration or wound drainage. Bed pads that absorb fluids and have a quick drying surface that keeps moisture away from the skin should be used. A barrier cream or ointment to protect skin from urine, stool or wound drainage may be helpful.

A special air mattress can be used in place of the regular bed mattress to help prevent pressure injuries. These mattresses not only provide an alternating air pressure pattern, but can assist with temperature and moisture control of the skin. Talk to your health care provider to see if an air mattress would be best for you. The air mattress is not a replacement for repositioning every two hours.

If you are unable to reposition your legs adequately, the nursing team may “float” your heels off the mattress using pillows or special boots. The purpose of this is to completely elevate your heels off the mattress to prevent excessive pressure to the area.

Avoid the use of donut-shaped cushions. Donut-shaped cushions can actually increase your risk of getting a pressure injury by reducing blood flow to the surrounding skin and causing tissue to swell.

Avoid massage of your skin over bony parts of the body. Massage may squeeze and damage the tissue under the skin and make you more susceptible to pressure injuries.

The head of the bed should be raised as little and for as short a time as possible consistent with medical conditions and restrictions. When the head of the bed is raised more than 30 degrees, your skin may slide over the bed surface, damaging skin and tiny blood vessels.

Eat a balanced diet. Protein and calories are very important to maintaining skin health. Healthy skin is less likely to be damaged. If you are unable to eat a normal diet, talk to your health care provider about nutritional supplements that may be desirable.

Be active in your care. The best way to prevent pressure injuries is to be an active member in directing your care. Be sure you ask questions; explain your needs, wants and concerns; understand what and why things are being done; and know what is best for you. Talk to your health care providers about what you can do to help prevent pressure injuries. You can help to prevent most pressure injuries. The extra effort can mean better health.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) A non-profit professional organization dedicated to the prevention and management of pressure injuries through public policy, education and research. npuap.org

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) The federal agency that conducts research on health care quality issues, health care costs and patient safety. Their mission includes translating research into better patient care. ahrq.gov

National Guideline Clearinghouse A public resource for evidence-based practice guidelines. guideline.gov
FOR YOUR VISITORS

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR VISITORS
Visits from family, friends and clergy are essential to the healing process. For that reason, we offer open visitation hours. For visits between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., please check in at the security desk located in our emergency department. Also, during the overnight hours, visitors are asked to enter and exit through the emergency department. Please help us maintain a safe and restful environment for patients and visitors by honoring the following requirements:

OPEN VISITATION
Daytime visiting hours are from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Overnight hours are from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. For visits during this time, please check in at the security desk located in our emergency departments.

INTENSIVE CARE UNIT
• Only two visitors at a time are allowed in the patient room.
• All visitors must wear personal protective equipment when it is necessary to protect both themselves and the patient.
• Young children should not routinely be visitors in critical care areas. Short visits may be permitted in limited circumstances. Such visits should be coordinated with the clinical team, the patient (or patient representative), and the adult who will be accompanying the child.
• During visitation, it may be necessary for the nurse to request that visitors leave the unit when:
  • Personal or emergency care is being provided
  • Private conversations between patient and/or caregivers is necessary

SAFETY GUIDELINES
To protect the safety of patients, visitors and team members, we offer the following infection prevention practices for all visitors:
• Visitors must be free from fever, cold, sore throat, upper respiratory infection or other contagious diseases.
• Only one visitor at a time is allowed in rooms of patients who are positive for COVID-19 or who are waiting for COVID-19 test results unless an exception has been made for extenuating circumstances.
• All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
• Children who are visiting cannot have been exposed to chicken pox, measles, rubella or mumps within the past three weeks.
• Hand washing/sanitizing when entering and leaving a room is required.
• All visitors must review applicable personal protective equipment (PPE) when posted on or about a patient’s doorway and wear PPE when requested.

HEALTH REQUIRES REST AND RECUPERATION
• To avoid tiring patients, we ask that visitors limit the length of their visit as well as the number of people visiting at one time. The number of visitors in a patient room should generally not exceed two at a time.
• Although every effort is made to allow open visitation, it may be necessary to restrict visitation temporarily. At a minimum, patients may designate a patient representative (family member or friend) who may visit the patient in person for at least two hours each day during designated visitation hours. Any restrictions to this visitation will be explained by the patient’s treatment team.
• To prevent disturbing other patients, we ask that all visitors be as quiet as possible. If you are wearing hard-soled or high-heeled shoes, please walk quietly and keep voices down while in the hallway.
• Patient care must remain a priority. Upon request by a Baptist workforce member, visitors may be asked to leave the patient room. This may be necessary when personal and emergency care is provided; invasive procedures are being performed; or the patient requires uninterrupted rest time.
GULF BREEZE HOSPITAL
BREEZEWAY CAFE
Enjoy a variety of selections offered from the entrée station, Grab & Go and the soup and salad bar in the Gulf Breeze Hospital Breezeway Cafe located on the hospital’s ground floor. Tasty snacks include cakes, pies and cookies.

Hours of operation are:
7 – 9:30 a.m. M-F Breakfast (hot food selections)
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (hot food selections)
11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (soup, sandwich, salad bar and Grab & Go)
4 – 6 p.m. Cook-to-order grill menu
May call ahead for pick-up: 850.908.6325

VENDING MACHINES
Snack and beverage vending machines are available throughout the hospital.

HOTELS, MOTELS AND CONDOMINIUMS
Hampton Inn & Suites, 61 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, 850.203.1333
Quality Inn & Suites, 51 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, 850.932.2214
Home2 Suites by Hilton, 940 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, 850.203.6700
Holiday Inn Express, 50 Daniel Drive, Gulf Breeze, 850.990.7004
Hilton Pensacola Beach, 12 Via De Luna Drive, Pensacola Beach, 850.916.2999
Hampton Inn Pensacola Beach, 2 Via De Luna Drive, Pensacola Beach, 850.932.6800
Holiday Inn Resort Pensacola Beach, 14 Via De Luna Drive, Pensacola Beach, 850.932.5331
Days Inn Pensacola Beach Front, 16 Via De Luna Drive, Pensacola Beach, 850.934.3300
SpringHill Suite by Marriott, 24 Via De Luna Drive, Pensacola Beach, 850.932.6000
Margaritaville Beach Hotel, 165 Ft. Pickens Road, Pensacola Beach, 850.916.9755
Holiday Inn Express, Pensacola Beach, 333 Ft. Pickens Road, Pensacola Beach, 850.932.3536

CONDOMINIUMS:
Beach Bum BB Luxury Vacation Rentals, 22 Via De Luna Drive, Pensacola Beach, 850.203.8052
Paradise Beach Homes, 27 Via De Luna Drive, Pensacola Beach, 850.860.0067
Wyndham Vacation Rentals, 731 Pensacola Beach Blvd., Pensacola Beach, 850.275.5100
Portofino Island Resort, 10 Portofino Drive, Pensacola Beach, 850.916.3406

AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE
For your banking convenience, an ATM is located in the emergency department waiting area on the ground floor of the hospital.

GIFT SHOP
Visit our gift shop located at the main entrance. Shop for gift items and merchandise that may be helpful following a physician visit or medical procedure. Call 850.934.2183 for hours of operation.

PATIENT AND GUEST PARKING
Free parking for patients and visitors is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Handicap parking is available at the front section of all parking lots.

SECURITY ESCORT
A 24-hour security escort to your vehicle is available by calling 850.375.4675.

TAXI SERVICE
1st Class Taxi: 850.760.4993
Metro Cab: 850.433.9999
zTrip: 850.433.3333

FINDING YOUR WAY AT GULF BREEZE HOSPITAL

FIRST FLOOR
Administration
Auxiliary
Breezeway Café
Cath lab
Cardiopulmonary department
Coffee shop
Emergency department
Emergency waiting room
Gift shop

SECOND FLOOR
Medical patient rooms
• 2 East
• 2 West
• ICU
• Orthopedic annex
Inpatient pharmacy
Chapel
Women’s Center

Health Information Management Laboratory Nuclear medicine Outpatient registration Pre-surgery Pre and post procedure area Radiology Surgery operating room Surgery waiting room

If you need assistance in finding your way to your desired location, please ask a volunteer or team member for help.
GOING HOME

DISCHARGE INFORMATION
You will receive written discharge instructions prior to leaving the hospital. The nurse will give you these instructions in writing. Ask questions if you don’t understand. Have a family member present to help recall what was said.

Make sure you can read the handwriting on any prescriptions or papers given to you by your health care team. Take notes, and specifically find out when to see the doctor again, what medicines you will be taking at home, and whether or not you will be having someone come to your home for treatments or therapy. Once you get home, review the materials the doctor gave you. If you can’t remember something, or if you don’t understand your notes, call the office and speak to a member of your health care team. If something is confusing or does not seem right, call your doctor’s office for advice.

Follow your discharge instructions. Take the full course of any medications prescribed and make sure you follow the recommended diet or exercise routine. Follow up with your doctor on test results, reactions to medication, or any complications or worsening of your condition.

DISCHARGE PLANS
DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS: Patients who understand their discharge instructions are 30% less likely to be readmitted to the hospital or to visit the emergency department.

We strive to improve your understanding and provide you with a clear written discharge plan.

DISCHARGE PLANNING – YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO:
• Educate yourself about your diagnosis – ask questions of your physician, therapist, nurse and case manager.
• Ask about after-care needs to prepare for your return home.
• Write down questions as they come up to remember what you want to discuss.
• Make your wishes known to your physician and other health care workers. Advance directives specify your wishes in the event you are unable to make your decisions known. If you do not have an advance directive, one can be provided at your request.
• Read your discharge instructions and have a clear understanding of what is expected. Take the time to clarify anything that is confusing.

Ask to speak with a case manager or social worker to evaluate your needs for discharge planning. If you need continuing care, your doctor, nurse and case manager/social worker will work with you and your family to develop a special plan to meet your needs. Share with the case manager/social worker any concerns you have about your ability to manage your own personal care, your medications, housekeeping, caregiving duties, mobility and recovery needs once you are at home.

COMMON DISCHARGE NEEDS

Home Health Care
• Physical therapy / occupational therapy / speech therapy
• Nursing – IV antibiotics / TPN / wound care / injections / education

Home Medical Equipment
• Oxygen / walkers / nebulizers / glucometers / bedside commodes
• Wheelchairs / hospital beds – These items may require a letter of medical necessity from a physician.

Placement (There are specific guidelines for placement governed by patient needs and insurance coverage.)
• Skilled nursing / acute rehab / long term acute care
• It is important that you and your family select the optimal facility that meets your needs. Facility quality, location, clinical services and ability to accept your insurance are all factors that should be taken into account. Your care team is knowledgeable about facilities within the region and will be able to provide you with guidance as you make your choice.

Hospice (There are outpatient as well as residential hospice options.)

The above agencies/facilities may vary in the services they provide and the insurance providers that they accept.

Going Home: Before leaving the hospital, a nurse will review your discharge plan and instructions.

• Once your doctor writes the order for discharge, your nurse will explain the procedures, provide instructions for home care and answer any questions you may have.
• Ask your nurse the time you should expect to be discharged so that you can arrange for transportation home.
• Again, make sure you can read your discharge instructions and have a clear understanding of what is expected.
BILLING
Following your discharge from Gulf Breeze Hospital, an itemization of charges will be sent to you. We will also submit a claim to your insurance company. Your insurance company will pay according to your specific benefit plan.

When you receive a statement, it will indicate “Patient Balance Due.” This is payable upon receipt of the bill. The hospital bill does not include the fees charged by physicians or fees charged for professional services such as those of anesthesiologists, radiologists or pathologists. Each of these physicians will send a separate bill for their professional services.

TOWERS PHARMACY
The Towers Pharmacy is available to fill your prescriptions. A variety of personal need items also are available for purchase. Hours of operation are:

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon
Sunday Closed
Call 850.434.4549
Delivery available locally

PATIENT EXPERIENCE
At Gulf Breeze Hospital, we strive to provide every patient with exceptional service during their stay. If you are experiencing problems, please let a team member know or call your nurse so we can correct the problem. Following your stay with us, you may receive a survey by direct mail, email or text message from an independent surveyor, Press Ganey, asking about your experience. Your confidential feedback will be used by Baptist Health Care to continually provide excellent patient care.

GoldenCare is a free community service program providing health-related activities and seminars for adults older than 50 years of age. Special services and discounts for members include a parking decal and reserved parking located in the Medical Office Building parking lot and a bimonthly postcard with information about upcoming educational seminars. Monthly educational seminars are offered at Baptist Hospital as well as at other Baptist Health Care facilities. To join GoldenCare, call 850.469.2356 for an application or go to ebaptisthealthcare.org/goldencare.

PATIENT PORTAL—FOLLOW MY HEALTH
You can manage your health information using the Baptist Health Care Patient Portal. A Follow My Health account will give you online access to check your personal records, view test results and request prescription refills. Follow My Health also lets you send and receive secure online messages to your physician’s office. You will receive an email from us following your stay that will allow you to create your account. For support and information, call 1.888.670.9775 or email support@followmyhealth.com.

NEED A PHYSICIAN?
Call Baptist Medical Group. This network of doctors teamed together with Baptist Health Care to provide the absolute best in health care services for the community – the Greater Pensacola area. A trusted network of specialists and primary care physicians serve the communities of Pensacola, Pace, Perdido, Gulf Breeze, Navarre, Atmore, Jay and more. To learn more about our physicians, practices and specialties, visit baptistmedicalgroup.org or call 850.437.8600.
TEAM MEMBERS WHO CARED FOR ME DURING MY STAY

Physician ___________________________________ Specialty ______________________

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Nurse ________________________________________ Specialty ______________________

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Name _______________________________________

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Please use my gift to support ONE of the following:

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Caregiver’s Name

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Thank you for taking the time to pay tribute to a caregiver or department team who has enriched your life and brought comfort. Your gift will help to provide essential resources for Baptist Health Care to ensure a healthier tomorrow.
Want to Say Thank You to Your Nurse? Share Your Story!

The DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune SYstem) Award is an international recognition program that honors and celebrates the skillful, compassionate care nurses provide every day. The DAISY Foundation was established by the family of J. Patrick Barnes after he died from complications of the auto-immune disease ITP in 1999. During his hospitalization, they deeply appreciated the care and compassion shown to Patrick and his entire family. When he died, they felt compelled to say “thank you” to nurses in a very public way. Please say thank you by sharing your story of how a nurse made a difference you will never forget!

I understand the information I provide may be shared on the DAISY Award website Baptist Health Care social media pages and/or the Baptist Health Care website, and I give my consent.

Signature: ____________________________________________

I would like to thank my nurse (name): __________________________ from the ____________ Unit.

Please describe a specific situation or story that demonstrates how this nurse made a meaningful difference in your care.

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More space on back to continue your story

Thank you for taking the time to nominate an extraordinary nurse for this award! We’d love to include you in the celebration if your nurse is selected for a DAISY Award. Please tell us a little about yourself.

Your Name ___________________________ Date of nomination: ________________

Phone ___________________________ Email ___________________________

I am (please check one):
☐ Patient ☐ Visitor ☐ RN ☐ MD ☐ Staff ☐ Volunteer

Please submit your nomination form to:
DAISY Coordinator Name & Address

Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________