

## PROCEDURE: Visitors to Nelson Tasman Hospice SPCU

### PURPOSE

To allow inpatients to be supported by members of their family/whānau within the Specialist Palliative Care Unit (SPCU). To minimise the risk of spread of COVID – 19 to staff, patients/ whānau at Nelson Tasman Hospice (NTH).

### SCOPE

This procedure applies to all patients admitted to the SPCU and their visitors.

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Patients being admitted to SPCU and their family/whānau will be made aware of the current visiting policy prior to admission.

The visiting procedure for the Hospice inpatient unit will be as follows: please note that this procedure will be reviewed as needed.

- a. Visitor numbers are no longer restricted.
- b. All visitors will be required to sign in, including a declaration that they screen covid negative.
- c. All visitors must wear a medical mask, excluding children under 5 years of age.
- d. A maximum of 2 visitors can stay in the patient's room overnight, other spaces can be utilised if required.

### REFERENCES

- NZ Ministry of Health website
- New Zealand Unite Against COVID-19 website
- Hospice New Zealand website

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