



Admission

Admission to St. John Medical Center for medical services is by physician order. All patients admitted to the hospital for medical services must have a written physician order for admission and be admitted to an attending physician.

Patients who are admitted as inpatient, observation, or ambulatory status are registered by Admitting Department staff through patient and/or family interview in the Admitting Department or at the patient's bedside. The patient is identified and a name band placed in accordance with the patient identification procedures.

All admissions from any location, including the Emergency Department, outpatient clinics, hospital transfers, are coordinated through the House Nursing Supervisor in collaboration with the charge nurse/unit manager.

Patient's belongings are accounted for in accordance with policy. Patients are encouraged to send home any unnecessary belongings and medications. Any medications unable to be sent home are secured and stored in Pharmacy.

Once on the unit, the patient and family are oriented to:

- Use of nurse call/intercom
- Bed controls, TV and over-bed light
- Location of closet and bathroom
- Safety precautions, including fall prevention and isolation precautions as indicated specific to individual patient assessment needs.
- Visitation expectations
- Location of visitor waiting areas and bathrooms
- Ordering meals through Guest Services