

Our Care Partner Program

Family and friends are a vital part of the healing process, and the Care Partner Program at Griffin Hospital provides an opportunity for a patient's loved ones to be involved with their care.

Specifically, the goals of the Care Partner Program are:

- To enhance the involvement of family and friends in the hospital experience
- To provide the opportunity for Care Partners to participate inpatient education in the physical, psychosocial and spiritual support of patients



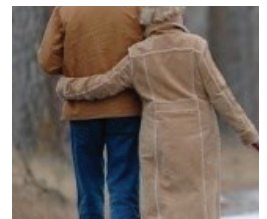
Who Are Care Partners?

Anyone the patient chooses to participate in his or her care can become a care partner, including family members and friends.

The Care Partner Program is a good introduction to the basic care a patient may need at home following his or her discharge. Ideally, the person who would provide this care at home would be an appropriate care partner, but anyone with whom the patient feels comfortable while in the hospital setting can serve as a care partner.

Care Partner Guidelines

- Care partners will be trained by the unit nurses to help with routine care functions and assist the patient during his or her hospital stay.
- Nurses will be responsible for documentation, evaluation, and supervision of their patient's care partner.
- Care partners will be considered visitors with regard to hospital policies and liability. All identified care partners will wear an identification badge.



Care Partner Activities

Responsibilities of the care partner may include, but are not limited to, any of the following activities:

- Helping with menu selection, meals, snacks, and feeding
- Providing personal care e.g. baths, massage, nail care
- Learning simple dressing changes
- Monitoring intake and output
- Helping with walking/wheelchair trips
- Managing comfort of patient by visiting, reading to, sitting with, and offering support as needed
- Acting as spokesperson to family and friends regarding the patient's progress
- Helping with other needs the patient may have

For more information, or if you would like to become a care partner, please speak to your loved one's nurse.