

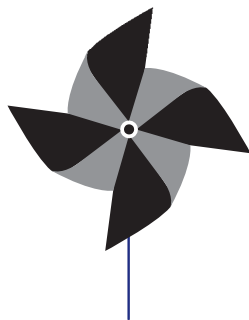
What is a *Partner in Care?*

We will no longer ask you for your “next of kin.” Not only does this term not apply to everyone, but the way we view patients and their support team has evolved. A patient’s Partners in Care are the two people they choose to be listed in their medical record. They are the primary contacts for the hospital, but they can also participate and collaborate in a patient’s care according to the patient’s wishes. They are who you, the patient, define as your family, whether they are blood related or not. This is part of what we call patient- and family-centered care.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PARTNER IN CARE:

- You give them permission to be present when you are here at Methodist Le Bonheur for healthcare needs. That means they may be present during medical discussions with your doctors, nurses or technicians, or just be here to support you in whatever way you wish.
- Provide support when you are having medical tests, surgery, therapy or are being admitted to the hospital.
- Your Partners in Care may provide information about you to the hospital staff. They are the people who know you best, and we want to collaborate with them to give you the best care possible.
- With your permission, they may also give condition updates to other family and friends.
- In addition to the people you name as Partners in Care, other friends and family are also welcome to be with you and participate in your care, in keeping with your preference.
- You may change the names of your Partners in Care whenever you choose.

Learn more about patient- and family-centered care and our Family Partner Councils by visiting methodisthealth.org/pfcc.



Family Partners Council Approved

This document has been reviewed and approved by patients and families. We support an approach to care that keeps the patient and family at the center of the care team.

Be treated well.

