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Division of Nursing

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**TITLE: DISCHARGED PATIENTS FROM THE ED (EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT)**

**PURPOSE:**

To provide a guideline for handling potential overnight visitors

**POLICY:**

A patient treated by an emergency department physician and discharged shall not be permitted to stay in the emergency department area overnight. The Administrative Coordinator shall make every effort available to assist the person in finding lodging or assistance that may be available; but if this fails, the person will be asked to leave the premises. If the person does not leave, security will be called to assist the individual off hospital property. At security's discretion, the local police may be called for assistance.