

Directions related to the presence of an accompanying person at caesarean

Dear Sir and Madam,

we appreciate your trust in the University Hospital Olomouc (FNOL). The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, with the consent of the mother and at your request, allows you to be present as an accompanying person at caesarean if the following conditions are met.

The following rules and procedures required by the legal regulations and the Operating Regulations of the University Hospital Olomouc must be observed during the procedure.

- 1) The presence of an accompanying person at the operating theatre requires the consent of all participants, including all members of the operating and anaesthetic team. The presence of an accompanying person is therefore not enforceable.
- 2) After the mother is transferred to the care of the medical team at the operating theatre, the accompanying person remains in the filter area of the operating theatre, where he/she awaits the arrival of the nurse of the Neonatal Department, who instructs him/her on the behaviour at the operating theatre.
- 3) The accompanying person changes into the prepared surgical clothes, surgical shoes, puts on the surgical mask and cap. He/she puts the clothes and personal belongings in a closet and locks it. The accompanying person performs hygienic hand disinfection as instructed by the nurse.
- 4) After spinal anaesthesia of the mother, the nurse of the Neonatal Department takes the accompanying person to a designated place in the operating theatre and the accompanying person will stay only in this designated area (near the mother's head - in the anaesthesia area behind the surgical drape).
- 5) The nurse of the Neonatal Department assists and receives newborns from the operating team in the usual way. After the treatment in the neonatal box and evaluation of the neonate's condition by a neonatologist, the nurse will bring the baby to the mother and the accompanying person, or initiate bonding according to the relevant standards. The nurse is permanently present during the bonding of the child.
- 6) The maximum duration of the stay of the accompanying person at the operating theatre is limited by the duration of the surgery.
- 7) After the end of the surgery, the nurse takes the baby from the mother and, together with the accompanying person, takes the baby to the Neonatal Department for further standard care.
- 8) The accompanying person is informed that he/she may move in the operating theatre only when accompanied by medical staff (nurses of the Neonatal Department or nurses of the Department of Anaesthesiology, Resuscitation and Intensive Care Medicine) and stays in the pre-determined place during the entire procedure.
- 9) The accompanying person is strictly forbidden to take photographs or videos at the operating theatre and in the anteroom.
- 10) In case of unexpected complications or organisational difficulties, the accompanying person follows the instructions of the staff and waits in areas outside the operating theatre.

note Circle your answer:

I have been familiarised with the instructions related to the presence of accompanying persons at the caesarean.	YES	NO
I agree to the conditions set out in the directions related to the presence of accompanying persons at caesarean and I will follow these directions.	YES	NO

First name and surname of the accompanying person	Signature of the accompanying person

Name and surname of the healthcare professional	Signature of the healthcare professional

In Olomouc, on: