



# Mixed Gender Room

## Sharing a room with a person of the opposite gender

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You may be asked to move into a patient room that has both male and female patients. This handout lists some reasons why we may ask you to consider this.

### **To move you into an inpatient bed faster**

Once you are moved to a unit, you will be cared for by staff trained to have the skills and knowledge to meet your special needs.

### **To stop your surgery or procedure from being cancelled or delayed**

If you need to have surgery or a procedure, it may be cancelled or delayed if there is no bed for you to go to afterward.

### **It will provide the safest location for you during isolation**

You may need to be in isolation if you have a medical condition where you need protection and to protect others. If you need to be in isolation, you will be in a room either by yourself or with another patient with the same condition.

### **To provide supervised care**

A healthcare provider may need to stay in the room with you at all times when you need to be supervised for your safety or the safety of others. Sometimes, this health care provider may be providing care to 2 patients in the same room. You may need to share a room with another person having the same needs.

## **It will keep our Emergency Department open.**

The first available bed on a unit may be in a room with a person who is a different gender. If you prefer to be in a room with a person who is the same gender, you may have to wait longer in the Emergency Department. The sooner you leave the Emergency Department for a bed on a unit helps keep our Emergency Department open for other patients.

**Please discuss these reasons with your health care provider to discuss any concerns or questions that you may have.**