Photography and Audio or Video Recording

Swedish recognizes that patients and/or their family members and friends may want to document care experiences while at Swedish. In order to make recordings at Swedish, recording activity must at all times adhere to the following requirements:

• Swedish staff obtain WRITTEN CONSENT to record or photograph patients in the clinical setting, typically to support a diagnosis, care planning or for research purposes. Each consent is specific to the request (for example, progression of wound healing). These photographic, video or audio recordings are performed and stored on secure devices connected to our electronic medical record. Recordings may not be conducted if the patient does not provide written consent.

• Patients and visitors must seek VERBAL PERMISSION before recording hospital caregivers or medical staff members. Every Swedish staff member (including physicians, nurses, and volunteers) who may be recorded must consent and grant permission to being recorded. Recordings may not be conducted if any Swedish staff does not provide consent/permission.

• Recording equipment (photography and the use of audio/video recording technology including cellphones) may be prohibited in some areas of the facility and premises. In such areas, signage is posted.

• Recordings must at all times respect the privacy of patients and staff, not disrupt care or operations, and not interfere with the safety of patients, family members, visitors or staff. Individuals who violate the recording policy may be asked to hand over or destroy the recording, including any postings of the recording that have been shared. Swedish has the right to request and retain a copy of any recording made within the facility.

• Swedish will not be responsible for loss or damage to any recording equipment.

NOTE: Recordings for obstetrics purposes is covered by a different policy. For more information, see audio and video recording in the delivery room.