



Defining stakeholder priorities for a pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) family presence policy: Focus Group Study Information

WHO: *[Past pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) patients or their families/clinicians, hospital/infection prevention control leader of/for critically ill pediatric patients during COVID-19 pandemic]*

WHAT: *A virtual (Zoom) focus group (60-90 minutes)*

WHEN: *At a mutually agreed upon time*

WHY: *To determine priorities for the design, implementation, and assessment of family presence policies in any context*

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More Study Information:

When COVID-19 came to Canada and hospitals wanted to stop the spread of the virus, all Canadian hospitals made rules (restricted family presence policies) about who could visit a patient in the PICU. The rules were different between hospitals, and it was necessary to change the rules as the pandemic progressed. Canadian PICUs need a set of guidelines for family presence in PICU that will apply in normal times and during a crisis like a pandemic. We need your expertise and opinions to help us inform recommendations for family presence policies across Canada.

We are actively seeking [past PICU patients or their families/clinicians, hospital/infection prevention control leader of/for critically ill pediatric patients during COVID-19 pandemic] to participate in a **60 to 90-minute** virtual focus group. It would take place during a mutually agreed upon time. After the focus group, to thank the focus group participants for their time, we will be providing each participant with a \$50 gift card.

You are the experts and we want to learn from you. We want to hear your thoughts about family presence guidelines and how they should be designed, used by hospitals, and evaluated.

Participation is voluntary. You will not be asked to provide any identifying data within the focus group. Should you choose to participate, the research team will do their best to make sure that your private information is kept confidential.

This study has been approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (REB 22-0846).

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