



Bedside Visits

Arriving on the unit

- Check-in with the nurses station—let them know that you are on the unit
 - Explain that you here to see “Patient X”—it is OK to ask if there is anything you need to know about the patient before engaging them in an art activity (for example, if a person has limited use of their hands, suggesting drawing would not be appropriate)

Entering a patient’s room

- Look for any precaution signs on the patient’s door (the nurses and unit staff can also inform you).
- Knock gently on the door
- Slowly enter the patient’s room
- Introduce yourself by saying “Hello, it’s _____. I’m an Arts in Medicine volunteer”

Be aware of the general space

- Include others if they are in the room (Be aware of roommates if the patient is in a shared room)

If a patient is not interested...

- Thank them for inviting you into the room and say “Ok, well, here is our card (hand them a yellow AIM card). It tells you about the other services we offer.”

Leaving a patient room

- Thank the patient for inviting you into their room
- Give them a yellow AIM card, which has a brief description of our program and the office phone number

Outside the room

- Wash your hands and wipe down anything that was placed on a surface in the room or touched by a patient