

Patient Care
Services/Registry
Beth Israel Medical
Center Milton and
Carroll Petrie Division
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*Welcome to Beth Israel Medical Center's
Petrie Division. Our goal is to provide
compassionate and high quality care to all
our patients. Beth Israel provides
professional staff to meet your clinical
needs, but if you would like additional
personal nursing care to supplement the
care by our staff during your hospital
stay, the following information will assist
you in arranging for the services of private
duty nurse.*

Private Duty

Nursing Registry

Beth Israel
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Hospital and Manhattan Campus for the
Albert Einstein College of Medicine*

Private Duty Nurses:

Private duty nurses are engaged directly by patients or their families for personal nursing care to complement the care provided by Beth Israel's professional staff. These nurses are not employees of Beth Israel Medical Center, but are hired through us from reputable outside agencies. Private duty nurses are available exclusively to you, but the hospital nursing staff retains responsibility for your care and will be directly reviewing your plan of care on a daily basis. Private duty nurses do not provide care in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit or in the Intensive Care Units.

Registered Nurses (RN's)

Registered nurses provide all nursing care, including administering medications as prescribed.

Nurses Aides/Companions (NA's)

Nurses aides/Companions help you with hygiene and physical activity, and also provide companionship.

Making Arrangements:

To make arrangements for private duty nursing, contact the Patient Care Services –Nursing Registry at (212) 420-2716. The registry is open around the clock except Saturday and Sunday, when it is closed between midnight and 8 am. During these times, page the nursing supervisor on call via the Beth Israel operator at extension 2000.

Please provide the patient's diagnosis when requesting a private duty nurse so that the appropriately skilled nurse can be requested. Private duty nurses are provided for patients who are admitted to the hospital. If you need private duty nurse services after discharge, our office can also help you with those arrangements.

Private Duty Nursing Fee and Schedule:

Registered Nurse: \$40.00 an hour

Companion/NA's: \$14.00 an hour

Private duty nurses work according to the following

schedules:

RN, 8-hr shift

8 am to 4 pm

4 pm to midnight

Midnight to 8 am

Companion/NA's 12-hr shift

8 am to 8 pm

8 pm to 8 am

There may be exceptions to this schedule based on the patient's need.

Meal breaks for privates duty nurses are as follows:

1 Hour for an 8-hour shift; 1 hour and 15 minutes for a 12-hour shift.

Companion breaks: 45 meal break and two 15 minute breaks.

Private duty nurses who start their shift after the hours listed or who are dismissed prior to completion of a shift due to a patient's condition (e.g. transfer to an intensive care unit) must be paid for the entire shift.

Payment:

Please be advised that although the Patient Care Services Department and the nursing units will help patients and their families with private duty nurse arrangements, they cannot accept payments. Payment should be made directly to the private duty by either cash or check at the end of the shift. At this time, the private duty nurse should give you a receipt as proof of payment.

The receipt should include date, signature of private duty nurse, hospital name, New York State license, patient name, status (i.e. RN, Companions), room number and amount received.

Insurance Coverage:

Generally, most insurance companies and HMOs do not reimburse for private duty nurses. Therefore, you are responsible for paying these costs. If you believe your insurance company will cover the cost, you must submit all your receipts for services provided after the private duty arrangements have ceased.

Please note that Beth Israel Medical Center cannot provide or substantiate a letter of medical necessity, but we will furnish you with a list of dates on which private duty services were rendered.

For More Information:

We hope that this booklet has answered many of your questions regarding the hiring of private duty nurse. If you need additional information, feel free to contact the Patient Care Services-Nursing Registry at (212) 420-2716 or extension 2716.

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