

Guideline 2: Encouraging family attendance

Summary

Encourage family members to be involved in their loved one's care



To include family in your clinic:

- Remind family that they are welcome to attend consultations.
- Encourage patients to bring support people when treatment decisions or bad news will be discussed.
- Find out if there are barriers to family attendance and identify solutions e.g. teleconferencing with the family.

Respect if patients do not want their family/friends to be involved



- Some patients prefer to attend consultations alone