



Family Advisory Council and Standing Committee Membership Application

The Massachusetts General Hospital for Children (MGHfC) invites families of patients, and when appropriate patients, to participate in various settings within the hospital to improve health care delivery for the pediatric community. Participation is solicited for three such opportunities. The first is the Family Advisory Council (FAC), made up of family members, hospital administrators and staff. On FAC, family members directly participate in creating the procedures that determine how care is delivered. It meets from 6pm to 8pm on the third Tuesday of every month. Parking and dinner are provided for the FAC meetings.

A second opportunity is participation on a number of hospital Standing Committees that focus on specific topics such as Pediatric Pain, Quality and Safety, Ethics, Palliative Care and more. These committees generally meet during the day, one time per month. Please see website for specific details. Parking is provided for Standing Committee meetings that convene during the day.

The FAC invites all family members interested in these two opportunities to fill out the following application form and attend one of their monthly meetings in order to express their interest. The entire FAC will then consider applications and choose new members. Our guiding principle is to choose those individuals whose interests and availability most fit the needs of the Council and the respective Standing Committees.

Finally, if you are unable to commit to either of the in-person opportunities, we invite you to apply and add your name and e-mail address to an online community of 'virtual advisors.' This will allow for broader input, from time to time, on some topics that we may discuss 'electronically.'

Mission of the Massachusetts General Hospital for Children

Mass General Hospital for Children (MGHfC) is dedicated to providing outstanding, personalized, developmentally appropriate care for infants, children, and adolescents within the context of their family and community.

We recognize that pediatric care is the beginning of the health care journey, and we are committed to providing the best possible care for life. We honor diversity, we encourage open discussion, and we respect the parent's and child's right to participate in the planning of their care.

We are advanced in our understanding of illness by sound medical research and education, empowered by skill and technology and motivated by a commitment to excellence in pediatric practice that is sincere and compassionate.

If you would like more information about the FAC and the Standing Committees, please feel free to contact Sandy Clancy at 617-643-0672 or sclancy2@partners.org. In addition please see our website: <http://www.massgeneral.org/children/about/family-advisory-council.aspx>

Please return this completed application by email (sclancy2@partners.org), fax (617-724-3948) or mail:

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City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

Please Star (*) your telephone communication preference

E-Mail Address: _____

Relation to patient: _____

1. Are you interested in being on the Family Advisory Council (FAC), on one of the Standing Committees, or being a virtual advisor Please check all that apply:

- FAC
- Standing Committee
- Virtual advisor

2. What is your availability during the week? _____

3. Describe your experiences receiving care at the MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC), for example, admissions to the hospital (Ellison 17, Ellison 18, PICU, NICU, Special Care Nursery, Surgery) or out-patient services (Emergency Room, Primary Care Clinic, Specialty Care Clinic, Same Day Surgery), including when those experiences took place. Please feel free to talk about experiences at several locations, as they may differ significantly.

4. Why would you like to be a member of MGHfC's FAC or participate on one of the Standing Committees?

5. What areas of concern or suggestions do you have that you would like to be addressed?

6. What special interest(s) or experience would you like to offer?

7. We believe that the Mass General Hospital *for* Children's Family Advisory Council (MGHfC FAC) and all Standing Committees should reflect the cultural diversity of families who are consumers of our hospital's services. In this light, please share anything about yourself that you think would add to the diversity of our Council. Please consider diversity to be any of the following or more: ethnic, racial, spiritual, social, economic, educational, geographic, gender, sexual orientation, unique family structure, disability-related, chronic illness, single parent, full-time parent, grandparent raising child, etc.

8. Please tell us how you heard about the Family Advisory Council.
