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## Policy

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For the benefit of the resident's family and the Agapé Hospice staff who were involved in the resident's care, the resident's room may remain vacated for as long as possible (up to 24 hours).

### CROSS REFERENCES

Policy 0108 - Admission to Hospice

Policy 0111 - Urgent Admission Criteria

## Procedure

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1. A rainbow is placed on the door.
2. The family can remain with the body for as long as they need to, for cultural practices or unique circumstances, up to 12 hours.
3. The family may return to the room after the body has been removed to grieve and collect the resident's personal belongings during this period, as long as the room is vacant.
4. The staff member(s) may pause for a brief time in the room to remember and grieve the loss.
5. Staff member(s) may request a healing practice to facilitate grief work. If deemed to be helpful, a Chaplain will lead a brief "Service of Endings and Beginnings".