

Balloon Policy

The Children's Hospital of NewYork-Presbyterian and the Sloane Hospital for Women have adopted a new policy regarding Latex and Mylar balloons. Effective May 15, 2003 we will no longer be selling balloons in our gift shop or permit them to be delivered to patient rooms as gifts or donations. We have adopted this policy due to the following concerns and in concert with recommendations from the Joint Commission Accreditation of Health Care Organizations:

- Allergic reactions to latex
- Suffocation hazard
- Deterioration of the physical environment resulting from released balloons that are difficult to remove from the ceiling and can potentially block air vents

Please assist us in enforcing this policy by discouraging your visitors from bringing them to you during your hospital stay.