## TIPS FOR TAKING ACCURATE BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS W E L C H A L L Y N F R O M



(Use Range Indicator)

Use the proper size cuff; if two cuffs fit, use the larger one



(Roll Sleeve)

Place the cuff on a bare arm



(Align with Brachial Artery)

**Place the artery** marker over the brachial artery



(Just Two Fingers)

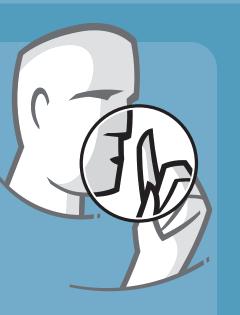
Apply the cuff snugly, allowing room for no more than two fingers

IF THE ACCURACY OF A BLOOD PRESSURE MEASUREMENT IS IN QUESTION, VERIFY THE ACCURACY USING THE AUSCULTATORY METHOD WITH A CALIBRATED MANUAL INSTRUMENT



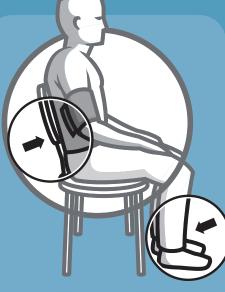
(Do Not Move)

**Once the cuff is** placed, allow the patient to sit quietly for a few minutes



(Shhhh)

Do not talk to the patient while taking the BP



(Support Back—Legs Uncrossed)

Support the patient's back and feet during measurement; keep legs uncrossed



(Arm at Heart Level)

Keep the upper arm at heart level and passively support the lower arm



Keep the arm still during the measurement cycle

