



## **Chaperone Policy**

- All children under the age of 10 should be chaperoned, usually by a parent. The provider can speak to the child alone if that is necessary; non-parental chaperones are available for this if needed.
- Children 10-18 years of age may or may not have a chaperone. Some confidential time may be provided for the physician or nurse practitioner to speak to the adolescent alone. A non-parental chaperone can be provided.
- Patients over 18 are seen alone, unless the patient requests a chaperone.
- Breast and testicular exams do not require a chaperone. A chaperone can be requested.
- Rectal exams require a chaperone. Pelvic exams performed by females do not require chaperones unless requested. Pelvic exams performed by men require a chaperone.
- Any patient or family may request a chaperone of either gender if they wish.

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