

Use of Chaperones Clinical House Wide Policy		
Applicable Campus	Department Name	Approval Authority
Salem Health and West Valley Hospital	General Clinical House Wide	SHMG Director, Nursing and Clinical Practice
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Describe briefly the most recent revision made to this policy, procedure or protocol & why:
Review.

Policy Content

This policy is intended to safeguard patients and staff of all ages, for any gender and race, from misinterpretation of actions or unfounded allegations of impropriety as part of consultation, physical examination, treatment and care.

Steps/Key Points Procedure

A chaperone (healthcare professional working at Salem Health’s direction) will accompany the clinician during a physical examination that includes gynecological, breast, or rectal exams, or genitalia assessment. Patients or clinicians may also request a chaperone for any other examination.

The presence or refusal of a chaperone should be documented in the clinical notes.

A parent/guardian may be present for emotional support, but does not substitute as a chaperone.

Role of Chaperone:

- Provide emotional comfort and reassurance
- Assist in the exam, if authorized to do so by training
- Identify unusual or unacceptable behavior on the part of the health care professional
- Protect clinician against allegations and abuse
- Protect patient’s modesty and ensures parts of the patient’s body are not unnecessarily exposed

Definitions – Insert N/A if not applicable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaperone: is a third party to a clinical examination, who aims to provide support and reassurance to the patient. They are able to discourage unfounded allegations of improper behavior by acting as a witness to the procedure. • Credentialed Provider: A credentialed provider is considered an MD, DO, DPM, DDS, DMD, PA, NP and CNM credentialed and privileged at Salem Hospital.
Equipment or Supplies - Insert N/A if not applicable
N/A
Form Name and Number or Attachment Name - Insert N/A if not applicable
N/A
Expert Consultants Position
N/A
References (Required for clinical Documents and within the last five years) :
OAR 847-010-0130; FAQ Medical Chaperones.pdf (oregon.gov)
Related CBT's, Policy, Procedure or Epic Protocol Cross Reference Information – Insert N/A if not applicable
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N/A

Review and Revision History		
History	Review or Revision	Date
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Added Salem Health campus and WVH to previous SHMG policy. Revised to include house wide ambulatory areas and WVH to assure all patients are treated with dignity, respect, and that physical examinations are conducted in a professional manner.	Revision	01/2021
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