

Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center
Policies and Procedures

Subject: CHAPERONE POLICY

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OBJECTIVE:

To ensure that patient's privacy and modesty are addressed with dignity and respect during examinations.

PROCESS/PROCEDURE:

It is the policy of Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center to have a chaperone present in the exam room during the following scenarios:

1. At the request of the patient, regardless of the nature of the exam.
2. A female chaperone must be present when a male provider examines the breast or genitalia of a female patient.
3. A chaperone of either sex must be present when a female provider examines the genitalia of a male patient.
4. At the request of the provider, if there are specific concerns necessitating a chaperone or a witness.
5. The chaperone does not need to be a clinical staff member, but an employee or volunteer at Good Samaritan.

The chaperone's name and presence must be documented in the patient's chart following standard ECW protocol.