



## Oregon City Pediatrics

MAGDALENNE M. CORSO, MD, LLC; JAMES M. RESK, MD, PC  
TROY C. STOEBER, MD, LLC; KRISTINE BUGAKOV, MD, LLC

### Medical Chaperone Policy

Starting July 1, 2023, the Oregon Medical Board adopted the requirement (OAR 847-010-0130) that patients and their parents must be offered a medical chaperone for any sensitive physical exam, for a patient of any age (even babies!)

As part of our commitment to creating a respectful, comfortable environment, we offer medically trained chaperones to all patients during sensitive exams and procedures, as well as upon request. When a chaperone is warranted during exams and visits, the Doctor will initiate a conversation with the parent/guardian or adolescent (if age 15 years and older) for the purposes of teaching about the importance of consent for sensitive examinations.

- The Medical Chaperone is a health professional or staff who has specifically been trained in the role of being a chaperone.
- Chaperones assist both patients and providers in completing sensitive exams and procedures (physical examination of or procedure involving genitalia or rectum, regardless of gender, or female breast.) Chaperones are intended to create a safe environment for both patients and providers in a consistent, and respectful manner.
- Chaperones can help protect and enhance a patient's sense of privacy, security, and dignity in sensitive situations. They can help ease distress among patients with mental health considerations, neurodevelopment disorders, or those with cultural or religious reasons that may find certain procedures threatening or confusing.
- Any chaperone who witnesses inappropriate or unacceptable behavior on the part of a healthcare provider is required to report it immediately.
- Parents/guardians or patients 15 years and older, who are able make their own medical decisions, have the right to decline the presence of a chaperone (this will be noted in the patient record). However, providers may decide not to perform a particular exam or procedure without a chaperone present.

If you ever need more information about the sensitive exams or having a medical chaperone, please ask us! Oregon City Pediatrics is committed to the safety and dignity of our patients. 06/02/2023