



NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A MEDICAL CHAPERONE

At Weill Cornell Medicine, New York-Presbyterian, and ColumbiaDoctors, respect for your privacy and dignity is important, especially when the exam, treatment, or procedure may be intimate or sensitive to you.

- You may request to have a medical chaperone (i.e., a trained, objective observer) present during any exam, treatment, or procedure.
- Before starting care, your healthcare provider will explain what will happen during your clinical visit and whether a medical chaperone is needed for all or part of the exam, treatment, or procedure.
- If you have a vaginal, pelvic exam or intravaginal exam and/or procedures, including an ultrasound, a medical chaperone is required.
- You will also be offered a medical chaperone for any exam, treatment, or procedure involving the external genitalia, breast, and/or rectum. If you are a patient over the age of 18, you may refuse a medical chaperone.
- You may request a medical chaperone for any kind of exam. You can ask for the exam to pause and ask for a medical chaperone at any time.
- If you request or require a medical chaperone, but one is not available, your healthcare provider may need to reschedule or delay your care until one is available.
- Every effort will be made to arrange for a medical chaperone of the gender you prefer.
- A family member, parent, or legal guardian may serve as a medical chaperone for a pediatric patient (age 0-11) exam except for internal exams or procedures involving the vagina or rectum.
- Once your chaperoned exam is finished, there should be no further physical exam without a medical chaperone being present again.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand my rights regarding a medical chaperone.

Name of Patient or Representative/Guardian

Date

Signature