

# Use of Medical Chaperones

Hamilton Memorial Hospital District promotes respect for patient dignity and the professionalism of healthcare providers by offering medical chaperones for sensitive examinations or procedures. It is the intention of Hamilton Memorial Hospital District to provide a consistent, standard, and safe care environment for all healthcare professionals, students, and patients during sensitive examinations, procedures, and care.

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## Medical Chaperone

A medical chaperone is a person who acts as a witness for a patient and a health care professional during a medical examination or procedure. The medical chaperone may be a health care professional or a trained, unlicensed staff member.

## Sensitive Examinations or Procedures

A sensitive examination or procedure includes physical examination of, or a procedure involving the genitalia, rectum, or breasts. A medical chaperone may be requested by the patient/patient's representative, or by the health care professional.

## Questions?

Patients are encouraged to talk with their healthcare team to learn more.

