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Title:	Use of Chaperones During Physical Exams	Section: CG-40
Attachments:	<u>AMA CEJA Report 10 – A-98 Use of Chaperones During Physical Exams</u> <u>Georgia Composite Medical Board 360-3-.02: Unprofessional Conduct Defined</u> <u>Georgia Composite Medical Board Rule 360-3-.02(12)</u>	Page: 1 of 1

I. Purpose:

To define expectations on the use of chaperones during physical exams.

II. Policy:

UHC aims to respect the patient's dignity and to make a positive effort to secure a comfortable and considerate atmosphere for the patient; such actions include the provision of a medical chaperone during sensitive examinations, appropriate gowns, private facilities for undressing, sensitive use of draping, and clear explanations on various components of the physical examination. All patients are free to make a request for a chaperone and that request will be honored.

III. Procedure:

- A. Chaperones will be available on a consistent basis for patient examinations in clinics.
- B. Patients should be advised by the intake nurse or assistant that they have a right to a chaperone during the exam.
- C. Whenever a patient or clinician requests a chaperone, that request will be honored.
- D. An authorized health professional should serve as a chaperone whenever possible.
- E. All chaperones will respect patient privacy and confidentiality.
- F. If a chaperone is to be provided, a separate opportunity for private conversation between the patient and the clinician should be allowed.
- G. The clinician should keep inquiries and history-taking, especially those of a sensitive nature, to a minimum during the course of the chaperoned examination.
- H. No clinician will conduct a physical exam of the breast, genitalia or anus of a patient of the opposite sex without a chaperone present.
- I. During all female genital, breast or anal exams, a female chaperone will be present, if examiner is not a female.

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