

Tri-County Medical Associates, Inc.

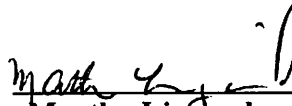
**Policy Name:** Chaperone Policy

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2015

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**Supercedes:**

Chaperone Policy  
(Policy Name)

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(Effective  
Date)

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Date)

**Subject:** Chaperone Policy

**Purpose:**

To provide patients the opportunity to have a chaperone present during his/her examination.

**Policy:**

It is the policy of Tri-County Medial Associates to have an employee available to witness an exam in which a personal body area is exposed to a provider. Female to male and male to female are treated the same.

**Procedure:**

Each site will post a notice that every patient has the right to have a chaperone present during their exam.

A clinical staff member should be available to chaperone for all exams and procedures of an intimate nature, if requested. These exams include, but are not limited to, pelvic, breast, rectal and genital exams.

A chaperone will be available at the request of the provider or patient, regardless of the nature of the exam.

The presence of or the declination of a chaperone shall be documented on the progress note.