

Sensitive Exams/ Procedures & Use of Chaperones

We value your privacy and respect your right to maintain dignity during all examinations/procedures.

Chaperones are intended to create a safe environment for both patients, staff, and providers. During your visit or stay, you should expect:

- A chaperone may be present at the time of your visit or during your stay when a sensitive exam/procedure is expected.
- You may request a chaperone for any type of examination/procedure or decline.
- If you prefer a chaperone of a specific gender, we will do our best to accommodate your request.
- The door/curtain will be closed during your exam/procedure.
- The provider and/or staff member will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer gel before and after delivering care. Gloves may be worn.
- The provider and/or staff member will explain your exam or procedure.
- The provider and/or staff member will ask permission before starting exam or procedure to touch you prior to your exam.

Safety and trust are crucial to providing supportive, professional, and respectful care our patients, staff and providers expect and deserve.

We encourage you to speak up if you feel uncomfortable for any reason during your examination or procedure.

MemorialCare values creating a safe, respectful, and comfortable environment.

What is considered a sensitive exam/procedure?

Sensitive exams/procedures may involve the following areas: breasts, rectum, and/or genitals.

What is a chaperone?

A chaperone is a clinically trained member of the MemorialCare team who may be present during sensitive exams/procedures upon request of the patient and/or provider.

What does a chaperone do?

The chaperone will observe the sensitive exam or procedure and assist the patient and provider if needed.