

Chaperone Policy

Medical examinations and clinical procedures involving the breasts, buttocks, or pelvic area (hereby referred to as “sensitive”) are potentially discomforting to the patient. Dr. Rudolf Thompson will have another member of the Thompson Center for Plastic Surgery (hereby referred to as “TCPS) staff as a chaperone in the exam room during examinations. The chaperone's role is to ensure patient and provider comfort, safety, privacy, and security during exams or procedures, including sensitive exams or procedures.

Minors will be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during consultation and/or treatment. The patient or provider performing the exam, treatment, or procedure may request a chaperone in addition to the guardian. In addition to a TCPS staff member, all patients may have a personal chaperone with them during a consultation and/or treatment. This option is available whenever a patient brings a companion along with them to an appointment.

The TCPS chaperone will:

- be sensitive and respect the patient's dignity and confidentiality
- be familiar with the procedure involved in a routine sensitive examination
- be present for the entire exam and can see what the provider is doing, if practical
- be prepared to raise concerns about a provider's behavior or actions