



Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic Presence of Children at Clinic Visits

Dear Patient,

Thank you for choosing GLWACH for your care! We are here for military families and want your visits to be safe, comfortable and productive. Visits with your health care provider will give you the opportunity to have your questions answered, address your concerns and participate in further education about your gynecological condition, pregnancy or post partum period. You and your provider are encouraged to work together effectively to address your health concerns.

A new pregnancy impacts everyone in your family. Your other child(ren) should be involved in learning more about your new baby. You may have reservations about leaving them with someone else when you attend your appointments. Discuss with your health care provider about times when your child(ren) can have the opportunity to listen to the new baby's heartbeat.

There are times during your appointments when the presence of your other child(ren) may not be appropriate. We recommend that you not bring children to visits that may be painful or embarrassing to you. These may include appointments at which you receive an injection, have a surgical procedure or an internal examination. If you are pregnant, further evaluation may be needed, such as having a Non-Stress Test (NST) or prolonged monitoring in Labor & Delivery. Since we **cannot predict** all situations, we ask that you **always** bring another adult with you to care for your child(ren) if the unexpected happens.

Examples of situations when the presence of children is not recommended:

- * Gynecology Consults/Preoperative Consultation
- * Colposcopy, Loop Electrosurgical Excision (LEEP) or other gynecologic procedures
- * IUD Consultation and Insertions
- * Receiving Injections
- * Initial new OB registration class & Exams
- * Non-Stress Fetal Testing (NST's)
- * Post Partum Checkups/Pap Smear Procedures
- * Any time you have a serious concern about your pregnancy and baby
- * Around the 36th Week of your pregnancy and thereafter.

The General Leonard Wood Community Hospital Commander's policy is that children under 14 must be under adult supervision at all times. The clinic staff cannot be responsible for watching your child(ren) during your visit with your health care provider. You may be asked to **reschedule** your appointment if another adult is not present to supervise your child(ren) when appropriate.

Thank you for your adherence to this policy.

The Staff of the OB/GYN Clinic
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By signing this form you acknowledge our policy about children in the clinic.

Signature: _____ Date: _____