



## Diagnostic Clinic Policy on Children Accompanying Patients

### Purpose:

To ensure the safety of all patients, staff, and visitors, and to maintain a focused and professional environment for the delivery of diagnostic services.

### Policy Statement:

While we understand that finding childcare may not always be possible, our priority is to provide a safe, distraction-free environment where patients can receive high-quality diagnostic care.

### Policy Guidelines:

#### 1. Children in the Facility:

- Patients may bring children to the clinic; however, children must be supervised by a responsible adult (**other than the patient**) at all times.
- **Babies in strollers or carriers** are typically allowed in the waiting room.
- Clinic staff are not permitted to supervise or care for children during a patient's exam.

#### 2. Children in Examination Rooms:

- For safety, infection control, and privacy reasons, children are **not permitted in the examination rooms** during diagnostic procedures (e.g., ultrasound, X-ray, mammography).
- **Exceptions may be made** on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of clinic management, provided it does not compromise safety or quality of care.

#### 3. Supervision:

- **Children should not be left unsupervised** in waiting areas or any section of the clinic at any time.

#### 4. Alternative Arrangements:

- **If no supervision is available**, patients are encouraged to reschedule their appointment to a time when childcare can be arranged.

### Communication:

This policy will be communicated to all patients during appointment booking and is available on the clinic's website and reception area.

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Approved by: CDN Management