PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY
Pediatric Junior Clerkship

As a medical student, you will be dealing with patients and parents in all different age groups. A professional, non-judgmental, and respectful manner must be maintained at all times.

When examining infants and children, the adult accompanying the patient should be in attendance throughout the visit. An additional chaperone is not necessary. If you sense a potential problem situation, you should excuse yourself and consult with your supervising resident or attending.

When examining adolescents and young adults, the accompanying adult may serve as chaperone for portions of the visit. When this adult leaves the room for sensitive portions of the history, or for the physical examination if so requested by the adolescent, the student should not remain alone with the patient, but should seek out an alternative chaperone. This person can be a nurse, a resident, or the attending physician, and will preferably be of the same sex as the patient.

The above information represents guidelines. If at any time the student feels uncomfortable with the situation, he or she should discuss this with the attending at once. The evaluation of the patient will then be completed with the supervising physician and the student both present.