



Dear Patient,

We hope you understand our position in the following matter.

Federal Laboratory regulations mandate that only patients may be in the laboratory service area. We realize that without warning, you may be here today with children. If you have a guest with you, please go to the laboratory area alone. If you would like your guest to accompany you to your examination room, you can let the laboratory assistant know and they will call them when you are finished in the lab. If you do not have an adult guest with you to watch your children, please evaluate if they are old enough to be alone for a few minutes while you go to the lab area. When you are finished in the lab, they can then go into the examination room with you. However, they must be closely supervised at all times.

If your child/children are too young to remain in the lobby area unsupervised (this many times is a newborn), of course there would be no option but to have them near you in the lab. We can place their infant seat just to the side in the lab in this situation or children should stand just outside the laboratory area.

We have had some problems with children in the examination rooms. There are necessary instruments and chemicals in the rooms. If children accompany you into your exam room, again, they must be closely supervised. If they distract from your examination and a problem seems to exist, you may be asked to reschedule your appointment when you can return without them.

Our concern is abiding by regulations and providing you with quality care with safety to all guests when you choose to come to Partners. We apologize that it has been necessary to make this policy and again hope you understand our position in this difficult matter. We really do enjoy seeing your newborn and families.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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