


Name of Policy:	<u>Pediatric Patients: Treatment of Minors</u>	 THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO MEDICAL CENTER
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(A) Policy Statement

UTMC Pediatrics and Medicine Departments will treat minors. Decisions regarding the medical care of minors will be the responsibility of the Attending Provider of the clinic. Ohio statute allows minors (anyone less than 18 years old) to obtain healthcare without parents for the following:

- Pregnancy testing
- Emergency contraception
- HIV testing and counseling
- Sexual assault
- Substance Abuse (12 years and older)
- Contraceptives
- Sexually transmitted illnesses
- Abortion services (judicial bypass)
- Emergency care
- Mental health (14 years and older; 6 sessions or 30 days limit – whichever occurs first)

(B) Purpose of Policy

It is the goal of the faculty and staff at UTMC Pediatrics and Medicine Departments to provide outstanding medical care to all of our patients through all developmental stages.

(C) Procedure

1. Any minor presenting to UTMC Pediatrics and Medicine Departments clinics for a health concern that is not listed above must be accompanied by his/her parent or legal guardian.
2. Additionally, if the parent or legal guardian is not able to accompany the patient, especially for a well-child care visit during which immunizations will be administered, the person accompanying the patient must provide written documentation that the parental/legal is aware of the visit and has granted permission for the person accompanying the patient to consent for the patient’s health care. This documentation will be placed in the patient’s medical record at the time of the patient’s visit. Alternatively, verbal consent will be accepted (over the phone) from a parent or legal guardian as long as the consent is verified by two employees and documented. At the earliest convenience, written consent should be obtained with a list of authorized people able to accompany the minor.

<p>Approved by:</p> <p>/s/ _____ Date _____ Marci Cancic-Frey PT DPT MBA Senior Administrative Director - Clinics</p> <p>/s/ _____ Date _____ Christine Stesney-Ridenour Chief Operating Officer</p> <p><i>Review/Revision Completed By: Ambulatory Services</i></p>	<p>Review/Revision Date:</p> <p>5/20/2014 5/1/2017 7/1/2017 3/15/2020 06/15/2023</p> <p>Next Review Date: 7/1/2026</p>
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