The following is The Ohio State University Department of Athletics student guideline for private exams and medical chaperones.

RATIONALE FOR GUIDELINE
The Ohio State University Department of Athletics is committed to providing the best possible care, reducing risk to our students and providers, and educating future healthcare providers. We are dedicated to building our efforts to acting more thoughtfully, and to creating solutions for a safer, more secure, and more supportive environment. These efforts include expanding education and setting consistent standards for our students and providers.

GUIDELINE
To provide a safe and supportive environment, all students will be offered a Medical Chaperone before an exam, treatment, or procedure if they will be performed in a private, “closed-door” setting.

WHAT IS A MEDICAL CHAPERONE?
A Medical Chaperone is a licensed medical professional or trained employee with many responsibilities.

1. These include observing the exam/treatment/procedure, providing comfort and reassurance to the student and provider, and assisting either the student or the provider, if needed.
2. A Medical Chaperone shall adhere to all privacy and confidentiality expectations.
3. A Medical Chaperone does not need to be present throughout a student visit with their provider (such as when discussion of health history is being gathered or when the student wants to have a private conversation with their provider).
4. If a medical professional or trained employee is not available, a teammate/friend/or a family member may serve as a Medical Chaperone.

EXPECTATIONS
We will make every effort to ensure the Medical Chaperone is the gender the student is most comfortable with. Please notify a staff member if you would like to have a Medical Chaperone present during your exam. Unless declined by a student, a Medical Chaperone should always be present during all private, “closed-door” exams, treatments, and procedures.

DECLINING A MEDICAL CHAPERONE
If a student or their caregiver declines the presence of a Medical Chaperone and the provider is uncomfortable proceeding, a conversation between the student and provider regarding the purpose of a Medical Chaperone must occur. If the student still declines, the provider may postpone the exam or reschedule the student visit for another time or with a different provider.

CONCERNS
Concerns of violations of the Chaperone Policy can be reported to the Office of Institutional Equity at 614-247-5838 or online at https://equity.osu.edu/, The Office of Institutional Equity exists to help the Ohio State community prevent and respond to all forms of protected class harassment, discrimination, and sexual misconduct.