



To our Patients:

We recognize that the obstetric ultrasound is one of the most exciting times during a pregnancy for a family, particularly if it is the first time the gender of the unborn child can be identified. As we strive to make our office more family friendly, a few policies must be maintained for the unexpected circumstances which do unfortunately arise.

Children under age 5 will not be allowed in the ultrasound, genetic counseling, or consultation visits unless they are held in lap by another adult who can and is willing to leave during the appointment if disruption occurs.

Children over age 5 may also be asked to leave if being disruptive. If another adult is not available to care for this child, we will make every effort to assist you, but you may need to be rescheduled.

The actions of your children and those with you are ultimately your responsibility. We will not be held liable for any exposures based on failure to maintain adequate control of your children. This would include, but not be limited to, exposures to medications, cleaning products, medical equipment, needles, and other possibly harmful materials or products.

No more than 4 family members will be permitted in the ultrasound appointment, and no more than 3 in the genetic counseling or consultation appointments. This is due primarily to patient safety and available space limitations.

Animals other than service animals are not permitted in any appointment.

Our goal in this is to create an environment where patients and their families feel welcomed, but also understand that sometimes complications do arise and that accurate diagnosis or consultation may require a higher level of concentration than can be obtained while a disruption is occurring.

Sincerely,

The physicians and staff of the San Diego Perinatal Center