Your Child’s Visit
What You Should Know
Thank you for choosing us to provide medical care for your minor (under age 18) child. We know you are concerned about your child’s welfare and health.

Pennsylvania Law
Pennsylvania law guides our practices about:

- What a minor can consent to on their own, and
- The sharing of a minor’s health information with others

Parental Consent
A minor will need to have the consent of a parent or guardian for medical treatment. However, the law allows a minor to consent to treatment (except abortion) if the minor has:

- Graduated from high school
- Been pregnant
- Been married, or
- A judicial decree of emancipation

Parental Consent

The law also allows all minors, (even if the above conditions are not met) to consent to some medical treatments without the consent of a parent:

- Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases
- Sexual assault emergency treatment and testing
- Testing and treatment of diseases that are reportable to the Department of Health
- Contraception

Our Commitment
We will keep personal health information confidential. Unless permission is given by the minor, results of certain testing and treatment allowed under law to be private will not be shared with others. Please know that we respect your rights as a parent and/or guardian and must show that same respect to our minor patients who receive medical care and treatment at any of our facilities.

For additional information related to HIPAA go to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services website at: https://www.hhs.gov or the Pennsylvania General Assembly website at: http://www.legis.state.pa.us.