**Nickel Obstetrics & Gynecology**

**Ultrasound Policy & Notice**

Ultrasounds are a very important diagnostic procedure. During Ultrasounds it is imperative that the technician and the patient have an optimal appointment experience with minimal distractions and interruptions. The care of the patient and baby are our priority.

As of April 1, 2015, Nickel Obstetrics & Gynecology is revising our Ultrasound Policy.

1) Patients may have 2 guests (Must be a minimum of 12 years old) accompany them to the Ultrasound appointment. **No Children under 12 will be allowed in Ultrasound Appointment. If you arrive with children you will need to reschedule.**

2) No video or voice recording during Ultrasound appointment.

3) Photo’s may be taken when the technician indicates the appropriate time.

4) No food or beverages in Ultrasound room.

5) Please silence cell phones during appointment.

6) No sending or receiving texts by patients and their guest during Ultrasound appointment.

7) No playing electronic games during Ultrasound appointment.

8) **Due to Limited Parking**, we ask that the patient and your guests arrive in one vehicle in order to accommodate all our patients and staff.

9) Due to the size of our waiting room, we ask that only the patient and their 2 guests wait in the waiting room prior to their Ultrasound appointment. **Please leave children and additional family members and friends at home during your Ultrasound appointment.**

10) If necessary, a guest may be asked to wait outside the exam room in order to accommodate the doctor or staff in conducting exams or procedures. Please notify your guests prior to the appointment that they may be asked to step out of the exam room if necessary.

11) In special circumstances, the use of Facetime and Skype may be granted to deployed spouses/partners of patients. This will be judged case by case at the discretion of Dr. Nickel and the Ultrasound technician.

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