

El Paso - Ambulatory Clinic Policy and Procedure

Title: PATIENT ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATION	Policy Number: EP 3.12
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Policy Statement:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the assessment/reassessment and examination of patients seen in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso (TTUHSC at El Paso) ambulatory clinic setting.

Scope and Distribution:

This policy applies and will be distributed to all TTUHSC at El Paso Clinics.

Procedure:

1. It is the policy of TTUHSC at El Paso Clinics to obtain a comprehensive health history when a patient initially presents for treatment. Each department utilizes the tool most appropriate to that particular setting as determined by Department Faculty.
2. At each visit, the chief complaint, vital signs, pain assessment will be documented as appropriate to the type of visit and departmental criteria.
3. Patients should be placed in proper positions to facilitate examination and draped to respect patient modesty. (*Note: For any genital or breast exam, two staff members should be present, preferably with one being the same sex as the patient.)
4. Prior to discharge from the clinic visit, patient's condition will be reassessed by the caregiver to evaluate patient's response to care as is appropriate to type and nature of visit, presenting complaint, interventions rendered, and documented accordingly.

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