

## ***El Paso - Ambulatory Clinic Policy and Procedure***

Title: <b>FAMILY PARTICIPATION IN PATIENT CARE DECISIONS</b>	Policy Number: <b>EP 6.9</b>
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### **Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) to respect patient wishes regarding the inclusion of family members and/or significant others in their care, education and treatment decisions.

### **Scope and Distribution:**

This policy applies and will be distributed to all TTUHSC El Paso ambulatory clinics.

### **Procedure:**

1. To the extent that the patient agrees and approves family and/or significant others may be contributors in obtaining patient history, participate in patient education, and be included in the development and implementation of patient treatment plans.
2. When family members or significant others participate in significant patient care decisions or instructions, documentation in the Medical Record should reflect his/her role.
3. If the patient is incompetent to make decisions, the person legally authorized to make health-care decisions for the patient is responsible for determining the extent of family or significant other participation in the development and implementation of patient treatment plans.

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