

Policy: Prohibition of Unauthorized Recording

Effective Date: 04.21.2026

Purpose

To protect the privacy, dignity, and confidentiality of patients, physicians, and staff, and to maintain a safe clinical environment consistent with Kansas law.

Scope

This policy applies to all patients, visitors, physicians, employees, contractors, and any individuals present within Wichita Urology's facilities, including clinical and non-clinical areas and satellite locations.

Policy Statement

While the State of Kansas permits recording of conversations with the consent of **at least one party involved** (i.e., "one-party consent"),

Wichita Urology maintains a stricter privacy standard:

Patients and visitors are prohibited from recording (audio, video, or photographs) physicians, staff, or any conversations without the explicit prior permission of the provider or employee involved.

This applies regardless of whether the individual recording is a participant in the conversation.

Legal Context (Kansas)

- Kansas law generally allows recording if one party to the conversation consents.
 - Recording without at least one party's consent may constitute a criminal breach of privacy. ([Kansas Revisor of Statutes](#))
 - Individuals may have heightened privacy rights in clinical settings, where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy.
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Even if recording may be lawful under state law, private healthcare organizations may restrict recording within their facilities.

Prohibited Activities

Without prior permission, the following are not allowed:

- Recording medical consultations, exams, or procedures
 - Recording conversations with physicians, nurses, or staff
 - Recording in patient care areas, waiting rooms, or administrative spaces
 - Live-streaming or sharing any interaction within the facility
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Consent Requirements

- Explicit permission must be obtained **in advance** from the provider or staff member
 - Consent may be withdrawn at any time
 - When appropriate, consent should be documented
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Exceptions

Recording may be permitted only when:

- Approved in advance by the provider or administration
- Required for clinical, educational, or quality purposes by the organization
- Required by law, subpoena, or court order

Patient Rights and Alternatives

Patients who wish to retain information are encouraged to:

- Take written notes
- Request printed or electronic instructions
- Ask for visit summaries
- Bring a support person to assist with recall

Enforcement

If unauthorized recording occurs:

- Staff may request that recording stop immediately
- Individuals may be asked to delete recordings
- Noncompliance may result in:
 - Termination of the visit
 - Removal from the premises
 - Further administrative or legal action

Confidentiality and Privacy

Unauthorized recordings may compromise protected health information and violate privacy expectations within a healthcare setting.

Responsibility

All staff are responsible for:

- Communicating this policy when needed
- Reporting violations
- Upholding patient and staff privacy