

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

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PROVIDER/PATIENT COMMUNICATION

It is the policy of Onsite Employee Health and Wellness that email is not to be used for any personal health information communication between provider and patient. When Onsite providers receive email communication from patients that contain personal health information they will not reply. The email will be forwarded to the Onsite Manager and he/she will compose a new email to the patient that conveys this information:

“Onsite Employee Health and Wellness wants to preserve a patient’s privacy and confidentiality. For this reason, we cannot respond in more detail using email. Please call the clinic to make an appointment to more thoroughly address any concerns.”

Advice or diagnosis will never be made via telephone by Onsite Employee Health and Wellness staff. All patient messages will be sent to the provider for review and if necessary delegated to appropriate staff member within their scope of practice.

Implementing Procedures: None

Associated Documents: Patient Contact Form [OSM-F018](#)
Guidelines for Patient Calls and Messages [OSM-G009](#)

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***** End of Policy *****