

Children Accompanying Patients

Due to the private nature and length of time of the services we provide, as well as the intrinsically hazardous environment of some areas of Associates in Physical Therapy (AIPT), we do not encourage children accompanying patients to treatment. However, AIPT is committed to promoting a culture which is supportive of the needs of patients with family responsibilities. Patients bringing children to physical therapy sessions are requested to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Due to the risk of injury and possibility of disruption to the care of other patients, children brought to AIPT must be under the direct supervision of an accompanying adult at all times, unless they are capable of remaining in the waiting area without disruption, for the parent's full treatment time.
- Children unable to remain in the waiting area unattended must accompany the parent to the treatment area and remain in the immediate vicinity of their parent.
- Responsibility for all aspects of the child's behavior and safety rests solely with the parent.
- Due to the intrinsically hazardous equipment in the gym, children are not allowed to be unattended in the gym or to play with any gym equipment.
- When considering bringing children to physical therapy, the parent should be sensitive to the importance of uninterrupted sessions with the physical therapist.
- The staff at AIPT has numerous time sensitive responsibilities. Parents should not expect others to care for their children.
- Parents must ensure that other users of the facility are not unreasonably inconvenienced by the child(ren)'s presence.
- Due to the open environment, children with infectious diseases must not be brought to physical therapy.
- Parents of children demonstrating disruptive behavior will be asked to find alternative childcare for their children during the treatment time for all future sessions.

Any grievances regarding this policy should be brought to the attention of the administrator at aipt@nwi.net.

Thank you for your cooperation with this policy.