

## Guideline 7: Large families

### Summary

Attempt to include all family members that the patient wishes to be involved



- Seek to accommodate as many family members as the patient wishes to have in the consultation room
- If unable to accommodate all family members,
  - Show respect to the family
  - Apologise for the lack of space in the consultation room
  - Consider asking the patient to nominate a smaller number of family members to attend the consultation.
- Consider including the family through:
  - Teleconferencing,
  - Holding a family meeting or
  - Audio recording consultations for family to review.

Ensure that the patient remains the focus of the consultation/meeting



- Seat the patient closest to the clinician
- Refer back to the patient throughout the consultation