

Patient Shielding



Fig. 1 - Shielding (previous practice)



Fig. 2 - No Shielding (current practice)

You may notice that we no longer shield patient's reproductive organs during diagnostic imaging exams.

Medical imaging technology has improved greatly and we can obtain high quality X-rays with far less radiation - up to a 95% reduction in dose per exam over all.

Based on current scientific consensus, shielding is no longer required. There has been no evidence that medical X-ray imaging has any long term effects on future generations.

If you are pregnant, shielding your belly does not provide any significant benefit to your baby.

Please take time to discuss this with the radiation technologist that will be performing your exam if you have questions.