I. PURPOSE
To prevent, unintended exposure to the reproductive organs during radiographic examinations.

DEFINITION

II. POLICY
Radiology Department will provide shielding of reproductive organs on all patients during radiographic examinations, providing the shielding does not interfere with the diagnostic value of the exam.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES
Qualified Staff Radiographer

IV. PROCEDURES/ GUIDELINES
1. To shield the ovaries, the shield should cover the mid-pelvis.

2. To shield the testicles the gonadal shielding should cover the scrotum.

3. Whenever the use of reproductive organ Shielding could compromise the clinical objective of the examination, the shields should not be used.
4. Avoid unnecessary *REPEATS*

**V. REASON FOR REVISION**

Review

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**
- *TJC Standards*
- *RAD-6 Radiology Patient Safety*

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