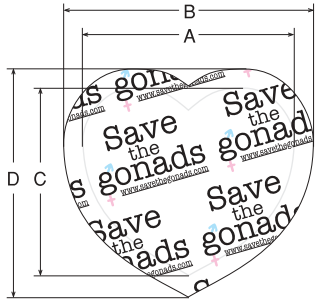


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		Micropreemie	Premie	Newborn
<b>A</b>	mm	55.9	76.2	94.0
	in.	2.2	3.0	3.7
<b>B</b>	mm	66.0	86.4	104.1
	in.	2.6	3.4	4.1
<b>C</b>	mm	50.8	68.6	83.8
	in.	2.4	2.7	3.7
<b>D</b>	mm	61.0	86.4	94.0
	in.	2.4	3.4	3.7
<b>Thickness Lead</b>	mm	1.07	1.07	1.07
	in.	.042	.042	.042
<b>Thickness Total</b>	mm	1.35	1.35	1.35
	in.	.053	.053	.053
<b>Weight</b>	gm	24.6	47.3	71.7
	oz.	0.87	1.67	2.53



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Hi, my name is Pam Krieg. In the Level 3 NICU where I work I have shared both pain and joy with the parents of the babies I take care of. As the first children for whom I cared for 18 years ago want to start their own families, I worry about all those xrays we bombarded them with so many years ago. Will they be denied the joys of parenthood?



Myself with Olivia and Sarah Soloria, at a recent NICU Reunion.

One of the most common tasks in a critical care unit is taking xrays. To protect ourselves we wear lead aprons and require others to stand back. I am frequently asked by parents "Why do you protect yourself but not my baby?" I usually respond with something about the low levels of radiation, or that I do this many times a day and that your baby will be okay.

*The truth is,* the babies are exposed to much more direct radiation than I am and many of the babies are subjected to dozens if not hundreds of xrays during their stay at the hospital.

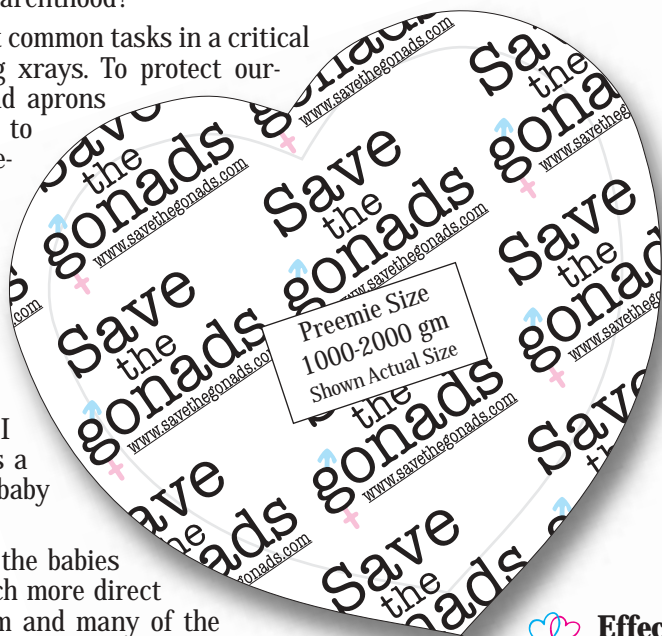
*The truth is,* I do know that radiation has a cumulative effect on the body and that the most vulnerable parts of the body are the reproductive organs.

*The truth is,* I don't want to alarm the parents.






*The real truth was,* I didn't have anything to protect them. I searched high and low for a suitable product

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to use and found none. The smallest gonad shields found were far too large and heavy to place on these fragile bodies. Even JCAHO<sup>‡</sup> has patient radiation safety standards in place that were not strictly enforced because there was not a suitable shield available. The solution, create my own, the result, the **STG** (Save the Gonads).

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<sup>†</sup> US FDA Code of Federal Regulations Title 21, Chapter I, Sec. 1000.50