

FAQs For Parents

What harm do x-rays do to my baby?

Ovaries and testicles, collectively known as gonads, are particularly sensitive to damage by x-rays. Very high dosages and/or numerous exposures have been linked to increased rates of birth defects and sterility. This type of damage is unlikely for your baby and it is only in extreme circumstances that lasting damage may occur.

X-rays are a very important tool used to show what is going on inside your baby. X-ray machines pass radiation through the body to record an image. Unfortunately the radiation causes damage to the cells of the body. Most cells are not prone to severe damage and/or heal quickly from the effects of radiation.

They want to take an x-ray without a shield should I allow this?

Definitely yes! There are times when x-rays will have to be taken without a shield. By their very nature, shields block x-rays from passing through, this prevents the imaging of what is under the shield. In cases where the purpose of the x-ray is to diagnose a part of the body near the gonads, such as the pelvis or gastrointestinal tract, the shield would render the x-ray useless. In all cases the benefits of diagnostic x-rays far outweigh the slight risk caused by a few unprotected exposures.

An x-ray was taken of my baby without a shield, will he/she be sterile?

No. The low dosages of modern x-ray equipment pose little risk to your baby it is only with numerous x-rays that damage can become severe enough to cause health problems.

The hospital does not use shields, can I buy them myself?

Yes, however shields are only to be used by qualified medical personnel.



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Frequently Asked Questions



*Give a Small Life
a Bigger Future!*

FAQs For Caregivers

Can we use shields for more than one patient?

No, the shields are single patient use, meant to be reused on the same baby.

In the critical care environment, for which STGs are designed, few, if any, of the various devices which come in direct contact with patients are shared. This concept is a long accepted standard for infection control reasons.

Cleansing with alcohol will kill most of the germs on the surface of the shield, however STGs should never be considered as being sterile. Sharing could therefore provide a method of transmission of disease from patient to patient. As the maker of STGs we firmly recommend against the sharing of shields to reduce the risk of cross contamination.

We are only going to take one x-ray, what harm could it do?

Premature babies' gonads are underdeveloped and therefore, more vulnerable. Because of the numerous health issues associated with being born too soon, they are likely to receive additional x-rays.

One or two x-rays by themselves are not likely to cause serious long lasting effects. Throughout the course of their life they will be subjected to many more x-rays from dentistry to broken bones. Once an unshielded x-ray has been taken, you can't take it back — no one knows what the future holds.

We are considering using your shields but our budget won't allow it.

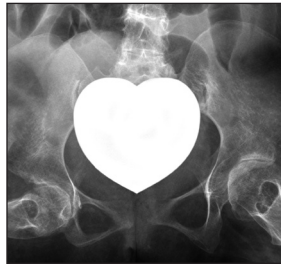
Budgets are not an excuse for failing to protect your patients, choosing not to shield is not an option. When amortized over the length of a hospital stay or even compared against the charge for a single x-ray, the cost of an STG is very small.

We naturally feel our product is the best on the market and would like you to use it, however, if you are unable to purchase our shield, buy something else or improvise, but some how, some way, **SAVE THOSE GONADS!**

Is there a function to the heart shape or is it just to be cute?

Yes, the lobes of the heart are strategically placed to cover the ovaries located in the hip area of a girl, the shield is flipped over with the lobes down to protect the testicles of a boy. This shape is efficient in that it provides protection to the vital areas without excessive pressure on the baby. Proper positioning is essential to avoid re-imaging.






And yes, we must admit, they are kind of cute!



Lobes up for Girls



Lobes down for Boys

-  **Economical**
-  **Effective protection for both sexes**
-  **Available in 4 Sizes**
-  **Designed for individual use with Infection Control in mind**
-  **Leaves a heart shape on x-rays to show you care**

“WHAT A REMARKABLE PRODUCT!!

We were so taken by the STG that we were relaxed during the x-ray and, ultimately, so was our son.”

Heather McIntyre
Parent

I want to thank you for inventing Save the Gonads. It means a lot to me because I made a visit to the doctor for my son and they had no protection for him during his x-ray. I was able to use one of the protectors that was given to me. If I wouldn't have had a guard to protect him it may have been possible for him not to have kids. And with him being protected he can now have kids and hopefully I will be able to have grandchildren some day, I really wanted to thank you for that. You are a true angel, keep up the great work. Once again thanks for caring about all children. My son means the world to me and with your product he is now safe and can have kids.

A mother that loves your product, God bless you.

Danyelle West
Parent

