

PATIENT NOTICE

Your Right to Request an Observer During Sensitive Examinations

This notice is provided in accordance with New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners Regulation N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.23.

A **sensitive examination** includes any **breast, pelvic, genital, or rectal examination** performed for diagnostic or clinical purposes.

During these examinations, **you have the right to request that a trained observer be present.** An observer is an individual who meets State of New Jersey qualification and training requirements and whose role is to promote patient safety and comfort.

Your Rights

- You may **request an observer** at any time before or during the examination.
- You may **decline an observer.**
- Your decision **will not affect the quality of your care.**
- If you request an observer and one is **not available**, your provider may:
 - > Offer to **reschedule the exam**, or
 - > Offer a **referral** to another qualified provider.

Observer Responsibilities

If present, an observer must:

- Remain in the examination room for the duration of the sensitive exam.
- Maintain a clear line of sight to the examination area.
- Remain free of distractions.
- Report any suspected misconduct to the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners.