

## Notice to Patient: Right to an Observer

You have the right to have an **observer** in the exam room during breast, pelvic, genital, and rectal exams performed by any doctor, physician assistant, or midwife.

An observer is a person who is trained to know what to expect and to watch a provider during these exams. The observer can help make sure you are not touched in a way that you shouldn't be.

If you want an observer, please ask for one. Remember, you can stop the exam at any time and for any reason.

If the office is unable to provide an observer, or if you are not comfortable with the observer that is offered, you can decide not to have the exam today. It can be canceled or rescheduled to another day/time. If that happens, your provider must give you a referral to another health care provider, if available. You can also choose to go ahead with the exam without an observer or go ahead with other parts of your visit that don't include or require the exam. It is your choice to make.

If you have any concerns or complaints about your exam, we encourage you to speak with your provider or the observer about these concerns.

The New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs licenses doctors, physicians' assistants, midwives, and other health care providers. You can file a complaint with the Division of Consumer Affairs if you have any concerns or complaints about your exam. More information about filing a complaint is available at: <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/sexual-misconduct-complaint>

If you have any questions, or do not understand this notice, please ask your provider.

**By signing below, you show that you have read and understood this notice.**

Patient Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Representative, if other than patient (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_