

1 **14-981. Definitions of parts of the primary genital area.**

2 The "mons pubis" is the rounded eminence or protuberance at the lower point of the
3 abdomen that is ordinarily covered with pubic hair on an adult. The [~~mons pubis of a man~~] male
4 mons pubis extends upward in a triangular shape to a point in the middle line of the abdomen.

5 The "mons veneris" is the rounded eminence or protuberance at the lowest point of the
6 [~~abdomen of a woman~~] female abdomen that is ordinarily covered with pubic hair on an adult. The
7 upper border of the hair on the mons veneris forms a horizontal line.

8 The "penis" is the male organ of urination and sexual intercourse.

9 The "testicles" are the male sex glands which are located in a sac known as the scrotum.
10 The testicles are round or oval and produce the male sperm.

11 The "vulva" are the external parts of the female organ of sexual intercourse. It is composed
12 of the major and minor lips, the clitoris and the opening of the vagina. The outer lip of the vulva
13 is covered with hair and the inner surface is smooth. The inner lips or parts of the vulva are
14 completely covered by the outer lips.

15 The "vagina" is the canal or passage for sexual intercourse in the female, extending from
16 the vulva to the neck of the uterus.

17 The "anus" is the opening to the rectum.

18 [As amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2025-00126, effective for all cases pending
19 or filed on or after December 31, 2025.]

20 **Committee commentary.** — Neither [~~Section 30-9-12~~] NMSA 1978, Section 30-9-12 nor
21 [~~Section 30-9-13 NMSA 1978~~] NMSA 1978, Section 30-9-13 defines "primary genital area." The
22 committee decided that it was the intent of the legislature that this term include those anatomical
23 parts referred to in [~~Section 30-9-14 NMSA 1978~~] NMSA 1978, Section 30-9-14. Dictionary

1 definitions were rejected as being too technical to convey to the average juror the areas of the body
2 intended by these terms.

3 Definitions for "breast" and "buttocks" were not included because these terms are in
4 common usage and have a commonly understood meaning. In accordance with the general UJI
5 rule, a dictionary definition of these words should be given if the jury requests a definition.

6 [As approved by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2025-00126.]