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## Ultrasound Information

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## What is Ultrasound?

Ultrasound imaging (or sonography) is a method of acquiring information about the inside of the body using high-frequency sound waves. Because ultrasound exams are captured in realtime, they can show the size, shape and texture of the internal organs and blood vessels.

Ultrasound waves cannot pass through gas so the stomach or bowel cannot be evaluated. The examination is painless and no ionising radiation is involved.

## What's involved?

For some ultrasound scans, patient preparation may be required. Detailed instructions are given at the time of booking your appointment. For some scans you may be required to fast. For others you will be asked to drink up to 1 litre of water and to fill your bladder prior to the examination.

You may be asked to change into a gown before your scan. During the procedure you will be asked to lie, usually face up, on the examination table. A gel is applied to the skin and an ultrasound probe (transducer) is moved over the gel to acquire the images. The examination takes approximately 20 minutes.



## Is it safe?

For standard diagnostic ultrasound examinations there are no known harmful effects.

## When and where do I get the results?

The Radiologist (specialist medical consultant) will write a report to your referring doctor detailing the findings of the ultrasound scan. You can get the results from your doctor usually within 48 hours.

## Any other questions?

If you have any other questions, worries or doubts, please do not hesitate to ask one of our team or contact us prior to your appointment.



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