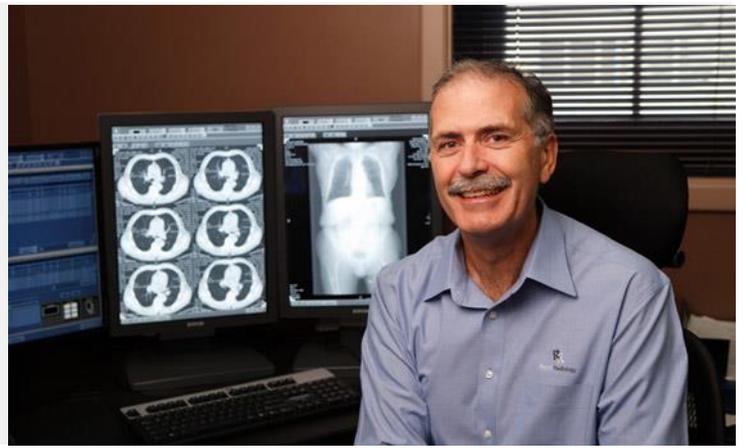


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OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND SCAN PATIENT INFORMATION

What is an Obstetric Ultrasound scan?

Obstetric ultrasound is the use of ultrasound to monitor the progress of pregnancy. Ultrasound uses sound waves to produce an image of the baby and this can be viewed on a monitor.

Dating Scan

This scan is to check the early status of pregnancy and establish some accurate dates. At this stage the baby is tiny, often less than 20mm long, so not much detail is visible.

Nuchal Translucency Scan

This is a special scan performed only between 11 weeks and 13 weeks and 6 days and will provide an assessment of risk for potential chromosomal abnormalities. It is always performed in conjunction with a blood test. Results of the blood test and the nuchal translucency scan are sent to the **South Australian Maternal Serum Antenatal Screening**

Program. SAMSAS will issue the risk assessment directly to your referring doctor.

Morphology Scan (18-22 weeks)

This scan will assess the baby's anatomy and size, and as far as is possible with ultrasound, confirm that your baby is healthy and the growth is normal.

After 24 weeks, any required follow up scans should preferably be performed at the centre where you will deliver.

Are there any risks?

Ultrasound is a widely used imaging method, which has been in regular use for about 30 years. In that time, there have not been any confirmed ill-effects to mother or baby.

Please Note:

Please bring the following to your appointment:

- Request form (if referral from GP / Specialist)
- Medicare Card
- Any relevant previous x-rays

Obtaining your results:

Your images will be processed and then reported by a Radiologist. A copy of the report will be sent back to the doctor / specialist who referred you for the examination.

You will need to follow up the results of your examination with your referring doctor / specialist.

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Can I bring my partner or family members, including children, with me?

We recognize the importance of sharing this time with family. Your family members including children are welcome to be in the room for the scan.

Our request is that you minimize the number of additional family members in the room and respect the need for the sonographer to concentrate on you and your baby, by keeping conversations with family to a minimum.

If required staff may request that visitors return to the waiting room until the completion of the examination.

What preparation is required?

You will be required to drink 1/2 litre of fluid one hour before the scan, and arrive with a full bladder.

How long will the examination take?

The examination will take approximately 45-60 minutes. During this time the radiologist may also wish to check some aspects of the scan.

Can I find out the babies sex?

During the Morphology scan (18-22 weeks) the sex of the baby may be visualized depending on whether the baby is in a position that allows for a good image of the organs. If there is good visualisation and it is requested by both parents, the sonographer or the radiologist will notify you of the sex of the baby.

If I have to come back for a further scan, does that mean that there is something wrong?

No, not necessarily. Often the baby can be lying in an awkward position and some aspects of the anatomy cannot be seen, or we may just need to assess the progress of certain structures with further growth.

If the scan is reported as normal, does that totally exclude any problems with the baby?

With advances in knowledge and equipment we can see most structures using ultrasound very clearly, and most significant abnormalities can be detected. There are however some abnormalities that cannot be detected using ultrasound.

Will I get pictures of the baby?

When you come in for your scan the sonographer will give you a keepsake USB which contains images and a short video of your baby. These images are not quite diagnostic quality, and should not be used as such. Please note that at times the sex of the baby may be clearly visible on the images. Repat Radiology request that you do not take your own video or pictures during the examination.

Who can I contact if I am not sure about something?

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact our reception staff on 8275 1906 during business hours and they will assist with your questions, or direct you to the most appropriate staff member to assist you

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Questions?

Please feel free to call us on 82751906 for any questions before or after the procedure and you will be directed to the appropriate health care professional.

Where can I park?

You may park your car on Daws Road, or in the "Clinics" outpatients car park, this is the first entrance on the left off Daws Road. Follow the walkway to Repat Radiology, it is well signposted.

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