

/// ULTRASOUND SCAN PATIENT INFORMATION

What is an Ultrasound scan?

An ultrasound scan is a non-invasive medical test that is used in diagnosing medical conditions. Ultrasound uses high frequency sound waves to produce images of the inside of the body.

What preparation is involved?

The preparation will depend on the type of ultrasound you are having:

Upper Abdomen scan: (Biliary, Gallbladder, Liver, Pancreas, Aorta). You will be required to fast from food and fluid prior to your scan.

Lower Abdomen scan: Renal (kidneys & bladder) / Pelvis / Transvaginal scan. You will be required to have a full bladder for this scan. Please drink approximately 1 litre of fluid 1 hour prior to your appointment time, and arrive in the department with a full bladder.

If you are on a daily fluid restriction or unable to tolerate this amount of fluid please contact us on 7117 2500 during business hours and you will be directed to someone to advise you of what preparation to follow.

Musculoskeletal scan: (Shoulder, Foot, Hip, Mass)
There is no preparation required.

Vascular scan: (Arterial Duplex, Venous Duplex, Carotid Duplex, DVT study). There is no preparation required.

What will happen during the examination?

The sonographer will apply warm gel to the area that will be scanned and will use a transducer to scan the area. The sonographer will view the examination on a monitor.

How long will the examination take?

The scan will take approximately 30-60 minutes.

Are there any risks?

There are no known risks from ultrasound scanning. Ultrasound injections and procedures will be discussed on an individual basis.

What happens after the examination?

When you leave the department you can return to normal activities straight away.

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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