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Ultrasound Examination - Patient Information Sheet

What is it?

Ultrasound is composed of high frequency sound waves, well above the limit of human hearing. These sound waves pass through the body and provide information about internal organs and structures when they are displayed onto a TV monitor.

Our aim is to help you by completing your examination successfully. We can only do this if you **carefully follow any instructions**. Failure to do so may result in an inadequate examination.

The examination

Ultrasound examination is safe (does not use x-rays), simple and painless. You will be asked to lie down on a couch, uncover the area to be examined and some cool gel will be placed on the part of the body to be scanned. A small plastic probe is then moved gently over the skin surface to obtain images for the ultrasonographer to look at, on the monitor. Sometimes you will be asked to hold your breath or roll to one side.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to ask them.

Afterwards?

There are no after effects and you may resume normal activities after the examination. The ultrasonographer will issue a report to the GP that requested the examination. This should be with them within 48 hours.

Suggestions & Comments

We welcome comments from patients on our services and suggestions for further improvements.

Thank you.