

Radiology

Ultrasound scan - Paediatric with no preparation

This information will help you prepare for your visit to the Radiology/X-ray Department.

We aim to make you feel welcome and make your visit as pleasant as possible. If you feel unhappy with any part of your care, please ask to speak to the Lead Radiographer.

What is an ultrasound scan?

An ultrasound scan is a procedure that uses sound waves to produce images of certain parts of the body. It does not involve X-rays.

An ultrasound scan is performed by a specially trained sonographer or a radiologist (imaging doctor).

Preparation

No special preparation is needed.

What will happen?

When you arrive at the Radiology/X-Ray Department, please report to the reception desk. You will then be directed to one of our waiting areas.



Patient Information

Before the scan can be performed, your child may need to remove some clothing. You may prefer to bring a dressing gown for your child with you. If this is not possible, one will be provided.

What happens during an ultrasound scan

The scan takes place in a darkened room. We will ask your child to lie on an examination couch.

A small amount of gel will be put onto your child's skin over the area to be examined. A probe is moved over this area by the sonographer or radiologist. The images will appear on a monitor.

The whole procedure will take about 10 minutes.

After the examination

Once the examination is complete, the gel will be wiped from your child's skin. You can collect your belongings and go home.

Results

The radiologist/sonographer will send a report to your doctor or specialist consultant.

Medication

If your child is taking medication, please do not stop them taking it for this examination.

More information

For more information go to: www.goingfora.com

Patient Information

Do you need an interpreter?

If you need an interpreter, we will provide one of our hospital-based interpreters.

You cannot use a friend or relative to interpret for you. We provide an interpreter as we want you to be supported by someone familiar with explaining this complex procedure. A friend or relative can still come with you to the hospital.

Contact Radiology at least 48 hours before your procedure if you need an interpreter. Please call us on 024 7696 6933 and we will arrange an interpreter for you.

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format, please contact 024 7696 6933 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

The Trust operates a smoke-free policy.

Did we get it right?

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