

## Radiology

# Ultrasound scan

### 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). It requires the use of gel and is a safe procedure.

### What happens during an ultrasound scan

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

A small amount of gel will be put onto your 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.

**We will ensure that your privacy and dignity are maintained at all times.**

### When you arrive

Please report to the reception desk when you arrive at the Radiology/X-Ray Department. From here, we will direct you to one of our waiting areas.



## Patient Information

We want 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 Department Lead.

### Results

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

### More information

For more information, go to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Ultrasound-scan/>

### 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.

## Patient Information

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