

Renal Services

Ultrasound scans

What is an Ultrasound?

An ultrasound scan is an examination that uses sound waves to take pictures of the body. It does not involve the use of X-rays.

These ultrasound examinations are done in the X-ray department and are performed by either a Sonographer or a Radiologist.

Preparation

Renal Scan – Ideally you should have a full bladder so avoid going to the toilet for an hour before the scan.

Abdominal Ultrasound – you will need to be starved for this scan, so do not eat for at least six hours beforehand. You may have clear fluids to drink, i.e. water, black tea.

What will happen?

A porter will come and collect you in time for your procedure. You may go on either your bed or in a wheelchair.

During the Scan

You will be asked to lie on the examination table and the room will be dark. A small amount of gel is applied to the area to be scanned and a probe is moved over the area by the sonographer or radiologist. It is a painless procedure. The images produced will be seen on a monitor.

After the Scan

The gel will be wiped off and you are ready to return to the ward. A porter will come and collect you.

Results

An X-ray consultant will look at the images produced and will send a report to your doctor.

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