



Patient
Information

Ultrasound scan of your pelvis (TVS)

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If you need to cancel or you have queries or concerns
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Opening Hours

**Monday - Friday
9.00am - 4.30pm**



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What is an Ultrasound scan?

For this scan we use high frequency sound waves. Humans are unable to hear them, but the scanning machine uses them to produce scan images. It is a quick and painless procedure.

Are there any risks involved?

There are no risks involved in this procedure.

Do I have to have this scan?

The doctor has requested this scan, as it is the easiest way to gain the information needed to diagnose your problem.

What do I have to do before I come?

When the bladder is full, it acts as a “window” allowing us to see the organs in your pelvis more clearly.

This is why it is important to Attend for this scan with a full bladder

Try to drink 1–2 pints (1 litre) of fluid at least one hour before the scan without emptying your bladder.

If you are concerned about doing this, you may prefer to arrive 30 minutes early and “top up” in the department. Chilled water is available in the waiting space.



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What does a Trans Vaginal Scan (TVS) involve?

- A cool gel will be applied to your abdomen. The hand held scanner will then slide easily to and fro to obtain the images.
- It will take about 15 minutes.
- An additional internal scan is usually needed. This is because the ovaries and uterus (womb) lie deep in the pelvis making it difficult to obtain clear images.
- The procedure is very simple and does not hurt.
- We will ask you to empty your bladder.
- The transducer is quite small in diameter and is only inserted a little way into the vagina.
- A lubricated protective sheath is used each time for cleanliness.
- In spite of the fact that this is an internal scan, it can be performed during a monthly period. You do not have to cancel for this reason.

What happens after the Scan?

- There are no after effects.
- You will be able to drive yourself home.
- You may eat and drink normally.



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- If your GP sent you, go back to the surgery for the results in two weeks.
- If a doctor from the hospital sent you, you will receive a letter or follow-up appointment to discuss the results.

This information sheet is available to order in other languages and formats. If you would like a copy, please contact us on 01793 604031 or email gwh.pals@nhs.net

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