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Information

Ultrasound scan of your rectum

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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 with ultrasound.

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?

There is nothing you have to do to prepare for this scan.

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What does it involve?

- If you have any allergies, you should say so before we begin.
- The transducer probe is only about 2-3cms (approximately an inch) in diameter.
- It is inserted into the rectum so that the doctor can get good images of the muscles around the back passage.
- A protective sheath is used every time for cleanliness.
- The examination will take about 10 minutes.

What happens after the Scan?

- There are no after effects.
- You will be able to drive yourself home.
- If your GP sent you for the scan, 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.



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