



Your Child's Abdomen & Renal Ultrasound scan

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If you need to cancel or you have queries or concerns please contact the department on

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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 for your child. It is the easiest way to gain the information needed to diagnose their 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 pelvic organs more clearly. Therefore to enable us to obtain the best images for this exam, please note the following:-

- If possible your child should have nothing to eat 4 hours before their appointment; however we recognise it is not always possible for children of a very young age.



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- Please ensure that your child has plenty to drink during the hour before the appointment time.
- For small children who have not been toilet trained, there is no need for them to attend with a full bladder.

What does it involve?

- A cool gel will be applied to the area to be scanned. The hand held scanner will then slide easily to and fro to obtain the images.
- It will take about 15 minutes.

What happens after the Scan?

- There are no after effects.
- Your child may eat and drink normally.
- If your GP sent you, go back to the surgery for the results in 2 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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From 1st January 2019 smoking will not be permitted on any NHS site in England. Smoking will not be permitted within any of our buildings or anywhere outside on our sites. Smoking facilities will not be provided. Please be considerate of others when vaping in hospital grounds

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