



Patient
Information

Your Ultrasound Scan

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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 for you. 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 no preparation for this scan.
- You may eat and drink normally.



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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.
- You will be able to drive yourself home.
- You may eat and drink normally.
- 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.



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