



Ultrasound Guided Aspiration of Ovarian Cyst

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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?

Complications are rare. However, infection or bleeding could be experienced in exceptional circumstances. Our strict guidelines in performing this procedure ensure that this risk is reduced to a minimum.

If you have any allergies for example, Latex or any antibiotics, please inform the Doctor before the examination starts.

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?

- It is important that we do not do this examination during your monthly period
- Do not eat or drink anything for 6 hours before your appointment



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What does it involve?

- You will be given an injection of a sedative before the examination, which will make you sleepy.
- The procedure will take approximately 30 – 45 minutes.
- You will need to stay in our recovery area for up to 4 hours after the examination or until you are well enough to go home.

What happens after the scan?

- **You must not drive yourself home**
- You should have someone to accompany you home and stay with you overnight.
- You may eat and drink normally
- As 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.

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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