



## **Ultrasound Scan of your Abdomen**

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**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 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?

To enable us to obtain the best images, please note the following:

- You should have nothing to **eat** for four hours before your appointment.
- You may drink clear fluids for example. water
- If you are diabetic and these instructions concern you, please ring for further advice.



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## What does it 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.

## 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 General Practitioner 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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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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