

Appointment

Date:

Time:

Patient Preparation:

6-8hr fast

Water, black tea or coffee may be taken

Advise staff when booking if you are diabetic

Time For Examination:

Approx. 20mins

Please Bring:

Referral

Previous related films and reports

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Undercover parking is available.

Abdominal Ultrasound

Your doctor has asked that you have an ultrasound of the upper abdomen.

Ultrasound uses high frequency sound waves to generate an image. There are no known side effects. Because the images are in real time it has the ability to show the structures and movement of the body's internal organs as well as the blood supply.

The internal organs of the abdomen such as liver gallbladder ,kidneys and spleen are assessed measured and documented. The specific reason for the scan depends on your symptoms and the exam will be tailored to answer your doctor's question, eg ? gallstones ? reason for altered blood test result. If you have an area of concern or tenderness you will be asked to point this out to the person doing the scan.

The scan involves lying on a bed so that a probe, coupled with a hypo allergenic gel, can be run across the skin to obtain images of the relevant anatomy. There will be some pressure from the probe, but should not be too uncomfortable. At times you will be required to hold your breath or move onto your side to optimize the imaging. You may be required to change into a gown, though it is preferable to wear a 2 piece outfit to minimise the need to change and maintain privacy.

You have been asked to fast for the examination so the gall bladder can be fully assessed,(after eating it becomes contracted) and bowel gas minimized so the abdominal organs can be better imaged. Please advise staff if you are diabetic or have any concerns, and maintain hydration with small amounts of water.

At the end of the scan the gel will be wiped off your skin

The images are viewed by the Radiology Doctor and a report will be sent to your referring doctor..