

Appointment

Date:

Time:

Patient Preparation:

Empty bladder 1hr prior to exam
Drink approx 1lt water
Do not empty your bladder

Time For Examination:

Approx 20mins

Please Bring:

Referral
any previous films and reports

Locations:

Gold Coast Radiology,
Suite 1 & 2 Harbour Point
10 Santa Barbara Road,
Hope Island, QLD 4212
Phone: 07 55142555
Fax: 07 55142511
www.gcradiology.com.au

Undercover parking is available.

Pelvic Ultrasound

Your doctor has asked you have an ultrasound of the pelvis.

Ultrasound uses high frequency sound waves to generate an image. There are no known side effects. The image is in real time and has the ability to show structures and movement. It can distinguish between solid and cystic (fluid filled) areas and show blood supply. The exam is used to assess -

- uterus
- both ovaries
- adjacent pelvic region

This involves lying on a bed so a probe(hand held device) coupled with hypo allergenic gel, can be run across the skin to obtain images of the relevant area. The scan is initially performed across the top of the abdomen and usually complimented with an internal scan.

A full bladder is required to fully see and image the relevant anatomy as it pushes the bowel away and sound is easily transmitted through sound. Once completed you will be asked to empty your bladder in preparation for an internal scan.

. The internal (trans vaginal) scan obtains detailed information from scanning at a closer distance by placing a slim probe into the vagina. This allows for visualization of some pathologies such as endometrial polyps or poly cystic ovaries that can be difficult to see on the trans abdominal scan. This is well tolerated by most patients with minimum discomfort. The pelvic organs are re assessed, measured and documented.

NB: The internal examination will not be offered to patients 18yrs or younger unless specifically requested by the referring Doctor.

The Radiology Doctor will view images & send a report to your referring doctor.