

Your Scrotal Ultrasound Scan

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This leaflet is designed to answer some of the questions you may have about your forthcoming ultrasound examination. Whilst we endeavour to scan every patient at their allocated time, some scans may take longer than expected which can unfortunately result in a delay. If, after reading this, you still have any worries or queries, please telephone the diagnostic imaging department appointments office on (01493) 452456 between 8:30am – 5pm Monday – Friday.

What is a scrotal ultrasound examination?

Ultrasound is a very safe and painless method of examining parts of the body using high frequency sound waves, which produce a picture on screen.

For scrotal ultrasound examinations usually no preparation is required. Sometimes an examination of the abdomen will also have been requested and instructions will be given about food and liquid restrictions. These may be modified if you are diabetic, so please let us know if this is the case.

How is the examination performed?

When you check in at the X-ray Department reception you will be directed to the Ultrasound waiting area. Your scan may be carried out by either a sonographer or a consultant radiologist (a doctor who specialises in diagnostic imaging). You will be asked to lower your clothing and underwear and lie on the couch. A sheet of tissue paper will be placed over your pelvis / penis.

Ultrasound gel will be applied to your skin. This is easily wiped off at the end of your examination. This gel is water soluble and will not cause harm to your skin or clothing. The lights will be dimmed so the ultrasound screen can be seen more easily. The probe will be scanned across the skin of the scrotum.

The examination should be painless and may last between 15-20 minutes.

How do I receive my results?

The radiologist / sonographer will need to concentrate carefully and it is unlikely that they will speak during the examination. It will not be possible to give you any results on the day of the scan or be able to tell you anything about any further treatment which may be required. This would be decided by your own doctor. You will be informed of how you will receive the results of your scan at the end of the appointment.

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We want your visit to be as comfortable as possible. Please talk to the person in charge if you have any concerns. If the ward/department staff are unable to resolve your concern, please ask for our Patient Advice and Liaison (PALS) information. Please be assured that raising a concern will not impact on your care. **Before you leave the hospital you will be asked to complete a Friends and Family Test feedback card.** Providing your feedback is vital in helping to transform NHS services and to support patient choice.

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