

Fact Sheet

ULTRASOUND

What is an ultrasound?

An ultrasound uses sound waves to take pictures of the inside of your body. It is generally a painless procedure. It does not use radiation.

What is involved?

A clear gel is applied to the skin to allow the sound waves to travel through the body. A hand-held probe is placed over the area. The sound waves create a picture seen on a screen. The procedure time will depend on the type of scan and the area of the body to be scanned. Most exams take around 20-60 minutes.

What happens after the ultrasound?

A radiologist (a specialist doctor) looks at the images and sends the results to your treating doctor.

Are there any risks?

An ultrasound is safe without any major risks.

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