

Ultrasound scan

Radiology Department Patient Information Leaflet

Under Review

What is an ultrasound scan?

An ultrasound scan uses high frequency soundwaves and a picture is formed by the echoes received back from the structures within the body.

Why have an ultrasound scan?

They are used for many purposes such as to scan the abdomen, (stomach area), pelvis, muscles, bones, the chest and blood vessels.

Where will this examination take place?

The examination will take place in the X-ray Department at Russells Hall Hospital or Corbett and Guest Outpatient Centres so please check your appointment letter. If you need an ambulance to bring you to hospital please contact your GP Surgery to do this.

What preparation will I need?

This varies depending on what your GP or hospital doctor has asked us to scan so details will be given in your appointment letter.

Who will do my scan?

Your scan will be carried out by a sonographer or experienced radiographer trained in ultrasound scanning.

How is the test performed?

A small amount of gel will be put on your skin and the ultrasound scan probe will be moved across the skin surface.

How long will the test take?

Depending on the investigation your scan will take between 10 and 30 minutes.

Are there any risks?

No, there are no known risks and it is considered to be very safe.

When will I know the results?

A sonographer will interpret the results and these will be sent to your GP, or the consultant who referred you for the test, within two weeks. Your consultant may write to you with the results of the test, or they may be given to you at an outpatient clinic appointment which will be sent to you through the post. If you were referred for the test by your GP you will need to arrange an appointment to see them for the results.

What are the alternatives to an ultrasound scan?

You may need to have a combination of tests including an ultrasound scan before your consultant can make a diagnosis. They will explain the options available to you.

Can I find out more?

For more information about this examination you can look at the NHS Choices website:

www.nhs.uk

If you have any questions, if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet or if you cannot make the date for the appointment please contact:

Radiology Department on 01384 244002 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)

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