

Obstetrical Ultrasound

What is Ultrasound?

Ultrasound is a method of using sound waves to obtain images of your baby.

Do You Scan My Baby in 3D?

No.

Will the Ultrasound Hurt My Baby?

No. Ultrasound is a safe way to look at the baby at all stages of pregnancy.

Why Do I Need a Full Bladder?

A full bladder acts as a window into the body and allows us to see much more clearly.

What Does the Gel Do?

The gel is essential for ultrasound imaging. Air blocks ultrasound beams; the gel prevents air from getting between the probe and your skin.

How Long Is the Exam?

20 week detailed – 1 hour

Other obstetrical exams – ½ hour

Will I Get a Picture?

If possible, yes, a picture will be provided at the end of the exam.

Family Viewing Guidelines

The staff and physicians of Diagnostic Imaging recognize this is a special time for you and your family. The ultrasound is a medical exam imaging detailed fetal anatomy and the Sonographer must complete the ultrasound exam before anyone is brought into the room.

1. Your referring physician can provide you with the results at your follow-up appointment and answer any questions at that time.
2. Please no videotaping/photography during the exam. Please shut off or silence cell phones.

After the Diagnostic exam is complete you will be allowed to bring someone into the exam room to view your baby's images. We are committed to providing a family-centred care environment.

Your cooperation with this policy will assist with the efficiency and accuracy of the ultrasound exam for all our patients.

Preparation for Your Examination

Full Bladder

Finish drinking one liter of water at least one hour prior to the exam.

Please do not empty your bladder prior to the exam.