

Information for Patients having a Carotid Ultrasound Scan

What is an Ultrasound Scan?

An ultrasound examination uses high frequency sound waves to produce pictures of organs inside your body.

How long will it take?

The examination takes about 30 minutes. However be prepared to spend up to 1 hour in the X-ray Department. We will make every effort to keep to your appointment time but if an emergency arises you may be delayed

Do I need to bring anything with me?

Please bring a dressing gown and slippers if you have them as it may be necessary for you to change into a gown. Do not bring unnecessary amounts of money or valuables.

What happens during the scan?

You will be taken into the Ultrasound room and be made comfortable on a couch. During the examination a clear gel is applied to the neck area to allow a probe which emits the sound waves to glide over the area and produce good images. You will hear noises as the speed of the blood flow is assessed it is essential that you keep still at this time.

This procedure is painless and takes approximately 15 minutes.

Are there any risks or side effects?

There are no risks involved in this scan.

When will I get the Results?

The Radiologist (X-ray Doctor) or sonographer will advise you where and when to receive your results.

After the examination

There are no side effects. You will be able to drive home.