

Information for Patients having a Trans-Vaginal Ultrasound Scan

What is an Ultrasound Scan?

An ultrasound examination uses high frequency sound waves to produce pictures of organs inside your body. Trans-vaginal examinations are performed by inserting a small ultrasound probe into the vagina.

How long will it take?

The examination takes about 20 minutes. However be prepared to spend up to 1 hour in the X-ray Department.

Do I need to do anything before I come?

You will be required to drink 1 - 2 pints of water or juice 1 hour before your appointment time. Please DO NOT go to the toilet as you will need to attend with a full bladder.

You can attend for this scan if you are bleeding.

You cannot have this scan if you have never had sexual intercourse.

If you are pregnant please contact us on receipt of this leaflet.

What happens during the scan?

The first scan will use jelly and a probe on your tummy. You will then be asked to empty your bladder before the second scan.

You will then be asked to remove your underwear in the ultrasound room. You will be made comfortable on a specially designed couch in a position similar to when you have a cervical smear. The room will be completely private. A small probe is gently inserted into your vagina. The probe is covered and the operator wears surgical gloves so there is no risk of infection. The probe is moved slightly from side to side and up and down. This procedure may be uncomfortable but it should not be painful. You may request that the scan be stopped at any time.

Are there any risks or side effects?

There are no risks involved in this scan.

When will I get the Results?

The 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.