

# Your child's ultrasound scan

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Information for Patients, Parents or Carers

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## Introduction

**If your child is an outpatient please read your appointment letter carefully to check which hospital their appointment is at.**

This leaflet has been designed for you and your child to read together. It is important that your child knows what to expect when they come for an ultrasound scan so that the test can be completed quickly and easily.



## Important information

- **Getting to the hospital:** Transport has not been arranged for this appointment. If hospital transport is needed follow the instructions in your appointment letter.
- **If you need an interpreter, or if you have any special requirements,** please contact the radiology department for more information.
- **When your child is having the scan** you may go into the scan room with your child. You can bring a dummy or their favourite small toy or game to play with during the scan.
- If your child is a baby having an ultrasound scan of their hips or head it may help them to relax if they have a feed shortly before the scan. Please ask us if you need a private area to do this.

## Who will be in the scan room?

A doctor who specialises in X-rays (radiologist) or a sonographer will do the scan. There will also be a radiology assistant in the room who can help you if needed. 1 or both of your parents or carers may be able to come in with you.

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## What is an ultrasound scan?

Ultrasound is a way to look at different parts of your body. It uses sound that we cannot hear but the machine can detect. It is similar to the way dolphins use echo location to find food underwater.

The ultrasound machine has a TV screen and a keyboard like a computer. It also has a probe which is about the size of a mobile phone. We put the probe on your skin and move it around using some warm jelly. It is not painful but can sometimes tickle. The scan pictures can be seen straightaway on the TV screen.

## What happens in the scan room?

When you get into the room you will be asked to lie down on the ultrasound table. You may be asked to pull your clothes up or down slightly away from the area being scanned.

A small amount of warm jelly will be put onto your skin and the probe moved over it. A piece of paper towel will be tucked into your clothes to try to stop the jelly getting on them. You might be asked to roll onto your side so we can scan in different positions.

After the scan the jelly can be wiped off and you can go home.

**How long will it take?** The time taken to do a scan will be different for each patient. The scan will taken between 10 and 20 minutes.

## How do I find out the results?

You will not get the results straight away. After your scan we will tell your parent or carers who the results will go to and how to get your results. The doctor or sonographer will look at your scan pictures again. The results will be sent to the GP or hospital doctor who wanted you to have the scan.

## What if I need to talk to someone?

If you have any questions or concerns, or cannot make the appointment please call the Radiology department on **0116 258 8765** and select **option 1**. Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, but not on bank holidays.



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