

Care Gram

Ultrasound

Date of Test: _____ Test Time: _____

Welcome

Welcome to the Licking Memorial Hospital (LMH) Radiology Department. Your doctor has requested an ultrasound test. A sonographer, a person who specializes in conducting ultrasound studies, will perform the test.

How the Test Works

The sonographer will use a transducer to perform the ultrasound. This lightweight device produces sound waves at such a high frequency that humans do not hear it. The sound waves reach soft tissues and organs inside the body, producing echoes. The echoes are sent back to the transducer and changed to an image that can be viewed on a video screen. There are special transducers that can be put into the vagina to image those areas of the body.

Preparation

- Abdomen, liver, RUQ (right upper quadrant), gallbladder, or liver elastography
 - Do not eat or drink anything for 8 hours prior to the test
 - Medications may be taken with sips of water

- Kidneys without bladder
 - No preparation is needed for this body site.

- Kidneys with bladder (also known as urinary complete) or urinary bladder
 - Drink 1-2 bottles of water (16-32 oz. bottles of water) 1 hour prior to the test.
 - Do not urinate before the exam. You will need to arrive with a very full bladder.

- Head, neck, breast, testicles, or knees
 - No preparation is needed for these body sites

- Pelvis, bladder, placenta, and obstetrics exams
 - Drink 1-2 bottles of water (16-32 oz. bottles of water) 1 hour prior to the test.
 - Do not urinate before the exam. You will need to arrive with a very full bladder.

Allowing Time

The test may take 30 to 60 minutes. You should allow more time for your entire visit.

Your Role

1. Be sure to follow the right preparation for your test.
2. Relax during the test – it is important to hold your breath when asked to do so.



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Registering

Please report directly to the Radiology registration area on the LMH First Floor. Come to this area 15 minutes before your scheduled test time.

During an Ultrasound

For the test, you will lie on a test table. A warm gel will be put on your skin at the body part to be viewed. The sonographer will move the transducer gently across your skin.

After the Test

You may return to your regular diet unless you have other tests scheduled.

Finding Out the Results

The healthcare provider who ordered the test will receive the results in about 3 to 5 business days.

Appointment Reminder

- If you have questions about the test, please call (220) 564-4710.
- Go to the Registration area on the LMH First Floor 15 minutes before the test.

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