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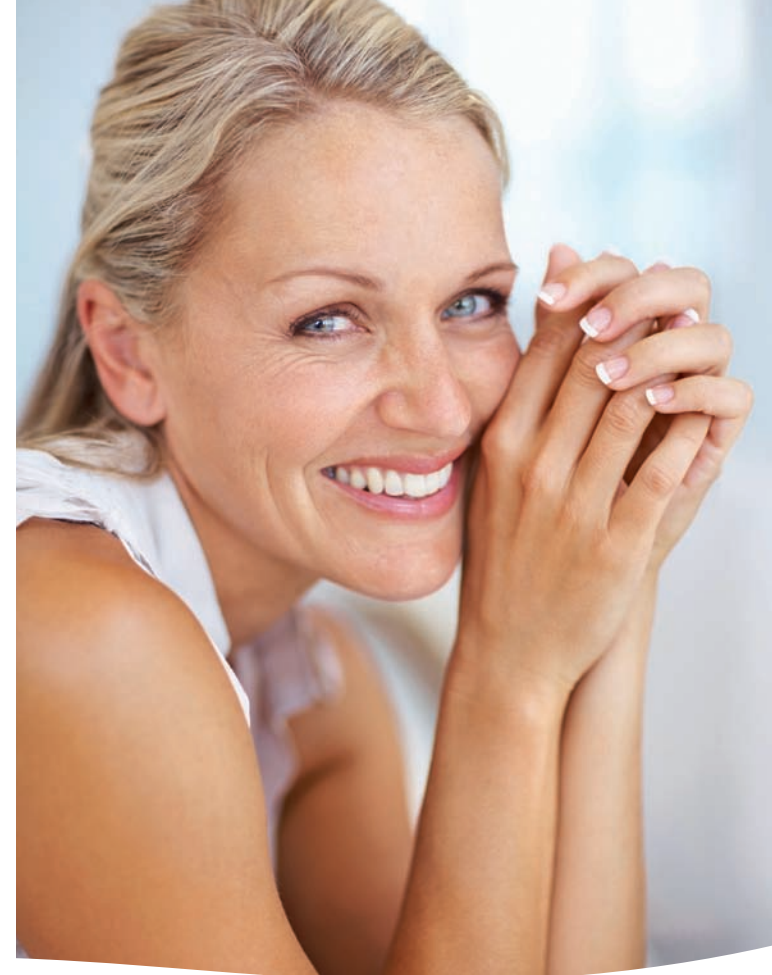
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Ultrasound Location Guide

<p>Armadale 3056 Albany Hwy Ph: 9391 2010 Fax: 9391 2019 Mon - Fri 8.30 - 5.00</p>	<p>Joondalup Reid Promenade Ph: 9400 0600 Fax: 9300 2856 Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00 Sat: 8.30 - 12.00</p>	<p>Nollamara 217 Wanneroo Road Ph: 9344 1632 Fax: 9440 4420 Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00 Sat: 8.30 - 12.00</p>
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<p>Bethesda Hospital 25 Queenslea Drive Claremont Ph: 9286 0400 Fax: 9286 0430 Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00</p>	<p>Kalamunda Elizabeth Street Ph: 6293 1799 Fax: 6293 1781 Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00</p>	<p>South Perth 1 Burch Street Ph: 9474 7600 Fax: 9474 7630 Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00</p>
<p>Booragoon 260 Leach Highway Ph: 9317 8488 Fax: 9317 8368 Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00 Sat: 8.30 - 12.00</p>	<p>Midland 21-23 Victoria Street Ph: 9250 2829 Fax: 9250 2254 Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00 Sat: 8.30 - 12.00</p>	<p>Subiaco 127 Hamersley Rd Ph: 9380 4888 Fax: 9380 4188 Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00</p>
<p>Innaloo 8 Odin Road Ph: 9445 9888 Fax: 9445 9808 Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00</p>	<p>Mount Hospital L2 140 Mounts Bay Rd Perth Ph: 9424 4600 Fax: 9424 4630 Mon - Fri: 8.00 - 5.30 Sat: 9.00 - 12.00</p>	



A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS

ULTRASOUND Female Pelvic

For information regarding your appointment, please see the back of this leaflet.



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What is an ultrasound examination?

Ultrasound uses high frequency sound waves (much higher than human ears can hear) which are produced by the ultrasound probe (transducer). The reflected sound waves are detected by the probe and used to create an image which is displayed on the screen of the ultrasound machine. The sound energy used is absorbed by the body as heat but there is no noticeable warming effect. There are no known harmful effects.

Your doctor has requested that you have an ultrasound examination. This may be performed either via the abdomen (transabdominal), or via the vagina (transvaginal).

Who will perform the scan?

Your examination (scan) will be performed by a Radiologist or by a Sonographer, who is a specially trained technologist. The ultrasound is performed to obtain information that will assist your doctor in managing your health. The Sonographer or Radiologist require a high level of concentration to ensure an accurate assessment is achieved. For this reason, under most circumstances, family and friends of the patient are not permitted to watch non-obstetric ultrasound scans. You will need to either leave children in the care of a babysitter or bring a babysitter to supervise them in the waiting room, as children must not be left unsupervised in the waiting room.

A clear gel is applied to the area to be examined. The ultrasound probe is then placed in contact with the skin and moved over the surface to study the tissues below. When the still pictures are taken you may be asked to hold your breath for a few seconds. The scan is completely painless, although pressure may be applied to improve the view in some areas. Please tell the Sonographer should this become uncomfortable.

In some female pelvic scans, we may suggest using a transvaginal probe to get a closer view of the pelvic organs. A transvaginal scan is frequently performed in early pregnancy (12 weeks or less). There may also be some indications for this procedure later in the pregnancy. The transvaginal scan is performed with an empty bladder, and as a result many patients find it more comfortable. The small sterilised probe about the same diameter as a thumb, is lubricated with gel before insertion into the vagina. A protective cover (a condom) is placed over the transducer each time it is used, so there is no risk of infection. We only offer a transvaginal study if it may be of benefit, but it is the patient's decision. If you have an objection to a transvaginal ultrasound being performed please inform the sonographer.

Please advise our booking staff when making your appointment if you have diabetes and are on Insulin, or suffer epilepsy, to ensure the correct timing for your scan.

- > Please DO NOT eat for 8 hours before your ultrasound.
- > You may drink clear fluids (black tea, black coffee, water and cordial) during the 8 hours before your ultrasound.
- > Continue to take your usual medications.
- > No smoking or chewing gum during the fasting period. Please drink 1000mls of water
- > Please start drinking at: _____ am/pm



- > Please finish drinking at: _____ am/pm

It is very important that these instructions are followed carefully and fully, as failure to do so may result in a cancellation and rebooking of the appointment.

Most ultrasound scans take 20-45 minutes to complete. Sometimes the radiologist may come to view the screen, however this is quite routine and should not cause alarm. The images are then interpreted by the radiologist and the results will then be forwarded to your referring doctor.

Due to the high demand for these tests, a fee may be charged for appointments that are cancelled within 24 hours prior to the booking.

Please bring any previous ultrasounds with you on the day of your examination. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask us!