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An appointment has been made for you

Location _____

Time _____

Date _____

Pregnancy Ultrasound Location Guide

Armadale

3056 Albany Hwy
Ph: 9391 2010
Fax: 9391 2019
Mon - Fri 8.30 - 5.00

Beldon

Cnr ocean reef Rd & Eddystone Ave
Ph: 9307 8088
Fax: 9307 8115
Mon - Fri: 9.00 - 5.00

Bentley Hospital

Mills Street
Ph: 9458 1373
Fax: 9350 5644
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

Bethesda Hospital

25 Queenslea Drive Claremont
Ph: 9286 0400
Fax: 9286 0430
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Booragoon

260 Leach Highway
Ph: 9317 8488
Fax: 9317 8368
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

Gosnells

122-126 Stalker Road
Ph: 9394 9966
Fax: 9394 9960
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Innaloo

8 Odin Road
Ph: 9445 9888
Fax: 9445 9808
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Joondalup

Reid Promenade
Ph: 9400 0600
Fax: 9300 2856
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

JHC

Shenton Ave
Ph: 9400 0500
Fax: 9400 9033
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Kalamunda

Elizabeth Street
Ph: 6293 1799
Fax: 6293 1781
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Midland

21-23 Victoria Street
Ph: 9250 2829
Fax: 9250 2254
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

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

Morley

Corner Collier And Walter Roads
Ph: 9375 9055
Fax: 9375 9008
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Nollamara

217 Wanneroo Road
Ph: 9344 1632
Fax: 9440 4420
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

Rockingham

215 Willmott Dve Waikiki
Ph: 9592 1222
Fax: 9592 9893
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00
Sat: 8.30 - 12.00

South Perth

1 Burch Street
Ph: 9474 7600
Fax: 9474 7630
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Subiaco

127 Hamersley Rd
Ph: 9380 4888
Fax: 9380 4188
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00

Westminster

4/476 Wanneroo Road
Ph: 9241 2222
Fax: 9349 4122
Mon - Fri: 8.30 - 5.00



A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS

Pregnancy Ultrasound

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. 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.

How long will my examination take and where do the results go?

Most ultrasound appointments are for up to 30 minutes, although some complex studies may require longer. 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. We can provide you with some still pictures or a CD from your scan should you wish. We do not provide video tapes of your ultrasound examination.

Preparation

Pregnancy up to 12 weeks gestation

Finish drinking 750mls of water 1 hour prior to exam.
Do not empty bladder.

Pregnancy over 12 weeks gestation

Gradually drink 750mls of water, starting 1.5 hours before your appointment time, finish drinking ½ hour before your appointment time. Do not empty bladder.

Procedure

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 early in 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 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 your decision. If you have an objection to a transvaginal ultrasound being performed, please inform the sonographer.

Why should I have a pregnancy ultrasound?

An ultrasound will provide valuable information about your pregnancy;

- > Help determine the due date of your baby
- > Check the number of babies



- > Determine if the pregnancy is continuing normally if there has been any bleeding early in the pregnancy
- > Check the position of the placenta
- > Check the anatomy of the baby and as far as possible check for abnormalities.
- > Assess the growth of the baby and its well being.

Not all birth defects are reliably diagnosed with ultrasound and a normal scan is not an absolute guarantee of a normal baby.

NOTE: 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 scans with you on the day of your examination. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask us!