

PELVIC & TRANSVAGINAL ULTRASOUND

What is it?

An ultrasound examination of the uterus and ovaries.

What preparation is needed for the examination?

No preparation is needed for a transvaginal examination, but for pelvic ultrasound the bladder has to be uncomfortably full for the uterus and ovaries to be visible. You will need to drink plenty of fluids and not empty the bladder before coming to the department.

What exactly happens during the examination?

When you arrive in the Department, a radiographer, helper or nurse will take you to a cubicle to get you changed into a gown. You will then be taken to the examination room, where the procedure will be explained to you.

The procedure is performed by a consultant radiologist (doctor). In a pelvic study the ultrasound probe is coated with a clear gel (this dries rapidly and does not stain). The probe is then run over the skin of your lower abdomen to see the uterus and ovaries in the pelvis.

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Does the procedure hurt?

No, you should experience no discomfort during the examination.

How long will it take?

The examination itself will only take about 10-15 minutes. If we require your bladder to be full, it may take an additional 30 minutes to fill the bladder sufficiently.

When will I get the results?

The radiologist will discuss the results with you at the end of the examination and send the films and report to your doctor.

Aftercare

None.

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