

ABDO-PELVIC ULTRASOUND

What is it?

An ultrasound examination of the abdominal organs (e.g. liver and gallbladder), the bowel and the pelvic organs (uterus and ovaries).

What preparation is needed for the examination?

For 6 hours before the examination do not eat anything, but keep drinking plenty to ensure that you have a full bladder on arrival. If this is not possible for travelling reasons, you will be given fluids to drink and asked to wait until you feel your bladder is full. Should this be the case, you will need to arrive an hour before the appointment time.

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). The ultrasound probe is coated with a clear gel (this dries rapidly and does not stain), which is then run over your abdomen to look at all the structures. You may be asked to turn from one side to the another to gain better views.

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Does the procedure hurt?

There is no discomfort associated with this procedure.

How long will it take?

About 15 minutes.

When will I get the results?

You may discuss the findings with the radiologist at the end of the procedure. The radiologist will also send the films and report to your doctor.

Aftercare

None.

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