

ABDOMINAL (LIVER) ULTRASOUND

What is it?

An ultrasound examination of the main organs in the abdomen such as the liver and gallbladder, and the bowel.

What preparation is needed for the examination?

For 6 hours before the examination do not eat or drink anything.

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 organs. You may be asked to turn from one side to another to gain better views.

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Does the procedure hurt?

No, you should experience no discomfort from this examination.

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 examination. The radiologist will also send the films and report to your doctor.

Aftercare

None.

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