

Having a transvaginal pelvis ultrasound

Introduction

This is an internal scan rather like inserting a tampon.

A health care assistant will greet you in the ultrasound area and may be present during your examination. The scan is conducted by either a radiologist (specialist X-ray doctor) or sonographer (specialist ultrasound practitioner). If you are latex sensitive, please tell the sonographer.

No childcare facilities are available whilst you have your scan. If you would like to be chaperoned during the ultrasound examination, please speak to a member of staff in the ultrasound department and a member of staff will be provided.

Continue to take any prescribed medication as normal.

What is an ultrasound?

An ultrasound scan uses high frequency sound waves to create an image of your pelvis. To date, there are no known documented risks associated with this test

What happens during the transvaginal pelvis ultrasound?

An ultrasound machine uses sound waves to produce pictures of the body. A sterile ultrasound cover is placed on an ultrasound probe. It is then inserted into the vagina. The lights are then dimmed to allow the examiner to see the ultrasound screen more clearly. Most examinations last about 10 minutes.

After the ultrasound

Following the scan you can leave immediately.

Results

A report of your examination will be sent to your referring doctor; if this is a hospital specialist, then the specialist will contact your GP with the report.

Further information

www.nhs.uk/conditions/Ultrasound-scan/Pages/Introduction.aspx

More information is available on the Trust website: www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk

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