



Patient Resource Sheet

Ultrasound



What is it?

An ultrasound uses sound waves to take pictures of the inside of the body. These pictures give information about the size, shape, and texture of the body part being scanned. It also allows the doctors to see whether the body part is working well. This test usually takes about 20 -30 min.

What happens during the procedure?

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You will lie down on a bed beside the ultrasound machine.

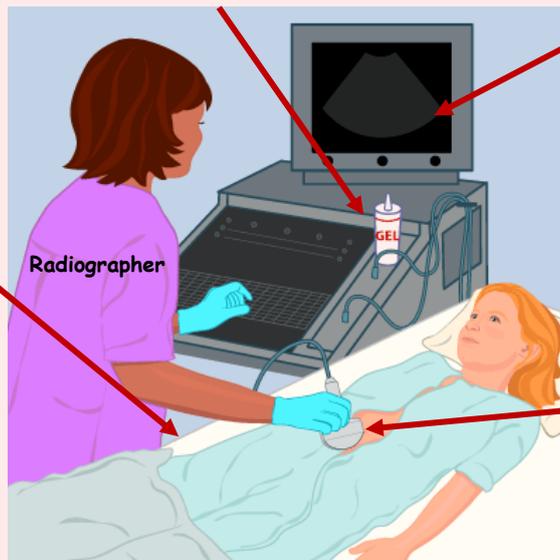


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[What happens when my child has an Ultrasound?](#)

2

The radiographer will put some gel onto a tiny camera called a transducer.



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The picture of your body part can be seen on the computer screen.

3

The radiographer will use the camera and rub it onto your body part to be tested (e.g. tummy, kidney). This can feel like a wet, warm tickle!

What should I do during the ultrasound?

1. **Hug your soft toy or blanket:** It will make you more comfortable.
2. **Hold mummy's or daddy's hand:** This will help you feel less afraid.

If you want to learn more, ask your doctor/nurse to give the Child Life Therapist a call when you are staying in the hospital!

Resources:

http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/medical/ultrasound_abdomen.html#