Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Having a Trans abdominal scan

Patient information leaflet

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اگر به این بروشور به زبان دیگر یا در قالب دسترس‌پذیر نیاز دارید،
لطفاً با یکی از کارکنان صحبت کنید تا آن را برای شما تهیه کند.

Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formacie,
proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotuje.

Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil,
vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe
de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

如果您需要本传单的其他语言版本或无障碍格式，请联系工作人员为您安排。

إذا احتجت إلى هذه النشرة بلغة أُخرى، أو بتنسيق
يسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

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What to expect

We have been asked to perform a trans abdominal scan of your pelvis. Your bladder must be full for this scan. About 1 hour before your appointment time, you should drink 4 glasses of water (approx.1 litre in total) and you must not empty your bladder until after the scan.

Should your bladder not be full, you may be asked to drink further fluid and sit in the waiting room. This is a simple non – invasive procedure, please allow up to 30 minutes for the examination.

You may be offered a transvaginal scan if the sonographer feels this would be of benefit to you. This would only be performed with your consent. For a transvaginal scan a specially adapted probe will be very gently inserted into your vagina and moved very slightly side to side to take the images that we need. The examination will take approximately 10 minutes.

You will be asked to sign a consent form to confirm you accept and understand the procedure.

Please leave all jewellery and valuables at home as you may be asked to remove these for your examination.

The equipment has limitations in respect of body height, weight and shape. This could prevent us from performing the examination and this may only be determined on the day of your scan. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

All patients have the right, if they wish, to a chaperone present during the examination.
If you would like a chaperone, please speak to a member of staff.

By attending for your appointment, you will be giving consent for the examination.
If we require formal written consent we will ask you to sign at the time of your examination.



Finally

The pictures taken during the examination are studied carefully and a detailed report is produced. The results will be sent to the person who referred you for the test. They will discuss the results with you and any treatment you may need.

You may already have an appointment with the team who referred you. If not, please contact them to arrange one to discuss the results of this test.

Occasionally you may require further examinations once your doctor has seen your images, please do not be concerned if this happens.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call the Radiology Department via the number given on your appointment letter.

As this is a teaching hospital there may be students and observers present during your examination as part of their ongoing training. Please let the staff know if you do not wish any students to be present during your attendance.

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