

# Procedure Information: Pelvic Ultrasound

## What is a Pelvic Ultrasound?

An ultrasound is a procedure using sound waves to image the pelvic organs. Ultrasound procedures are painless, risk free with no side effects.

## When are Pelvic Ultrasounds ordered?

Evaluate pain, abnormal menses or post menopausal bleeding, difficulty with urination.

Organs being evaluated: Uterus, Ovaries and Bladder

## Patient Preparation

A full bladder is required. We suggest you drink up to 8 cups of water one hour before your scheduled time. If bladder is not full the ultrasound tech may delay your scan until your bladder is appropriately full.

## Length of Procedure

Total time in the department, includes registration and imaging is approximately 30 minutes.

## What Happens During a Pelvic Ultrasound?

A registered ultrasound technologist will first verify your identity and explain the procedure. You will be escorted into the imaging room and positioned on your back. The technologist will apply a gel to your pelvic region. The gel is water based and will not irritate your skin or stain your clothing. The technologist will then place the transducer on your skin and adjust its position to image. In order to take high quality images the technologist may have to press on your pelvis. This may be uncomfortable due to your bladder being full.

After the procedure is complete a board certified radiologist will interpret your scan.

The results will be sent to your physician.