To Your Health!

Abdominal Ultrasound – Outpatient

Abdominal Ultrasound examinations include the following: liver, spleen, pancreas, kidneys, aorta, gallbladder, biliary system, or color Doppler studies including: CD liver, TIPS, SMA, Mesenteric vessels, and native renal arteries.

Your doctor has ordered an ultrasound examination of your abdomen to be conducted in the Froedtert Hospital Radiology department on the 2nd floor of the Froedtert Specialty Clinics. Please report directly to the radiology reception area.

You are scheduled for an US of your Abdomen on ___________________________at _________________

(day/date) (time)

** If you are not able to keep your appointment, please call (414) 805-3700. **

Parking Information: (refer to map on last page) Please park in the following area. □ Parking Area Three (3)

Beginning January 1st, 2011 parking for patients and visitors will be free. Make sure you bring your parking ticket in to get it validated.

***Per our hospital policy, children under 18 must be supervised by a responsible adult, that is not the patient.***

WHAT IS AN ULTRASOUND?

The Ultrasound examination will assist the doctor in evaluating your condition. An ultrasound is a test which utilizes a high frequency sound wave similar to that of sonar. (Similar to how a ship searches for a submarine)

There is no radiation involved in this exam and may take anywhere from 45 to 60 minutes. During your examination, you will be asked to lie on your back on the ultrasound cart. Warm ultrasound gel, which helps to transmit sound waves, is then applied to the abdomen and the ultrasound “probe” will be moved back and forth across the abdomen. You may be asked to roll to the left or to the right in order for the Ultrasound technologist to get a better look at the organs/vessels in question.

Because we are a teaching facility, there may be both ultrasound students and radiology residents that will participate in your exam.
PREPPING FOR YOUR EXAM
For the ultrasound examination of the organs and/or vessels of the abdomen, you will need to fast for 8 hours prior to your appointment time. This ensures that bowel gas is minimal and is not obscuring the organs and/or vessels that need to be examined. Please take all medications that you normally take with a small amount of water.

If you are diabetic, please let the schedulers know so that an early appointment may be made for you.

ARRIVAL
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time. Because we feel very strongly about providing high quality patient care to all of our patients, we ask that you arrive on time for your appointment. If you arrive more than 15 minutes past your appointment time, we will do our best to accommodate you, but may ask you to reschedule or wait until our next available appointment opens up. We appreciate your attention to this and hope this will help us serve you better.

AFTER THE TEST
After the sonographer has finished the ultrasound examination of your abdomen, he/she may step out of the exam room to review the images with the radiologist. The doctor may wish to scan your abdomen, as well, to assist him/her in reading your exam. The ultrasound gel will then be removed from your abdomen and you will be free to get dressed and leave. The report will be available to your ordering doctor within 2-3 business days and we encourage you to discuss the results with him or her. If you are using MyChart, your results will be released after 5 days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Patients are encouraged to call with any concerns or questions regarding their exam. The US Department can be reached at (414) 805-3720 anytime. We are here to serve you 24 hours a day.

Remember...our staff is here to help you. If you have any questions about the procedure, please ask.

Thank you for choosing Froedtert
Directions to Specialty Clinics Building

Please park in Parking Area 3 structure.

From Wisconsin Avenue:
Turn north on 87th Street and then west (left) on Doyne Avenue. Take first right onto William Coffey Drive and follow signs directing you to the Parking Area 3 structure.

From Watertown Plank Road:
Turn south on 87th Street. You'll come to a stop sign at East Connell Court, turn left and continue south on 87th Street. Turn right on Doyne Avenue. Take first right onto William Coffey Drive and follow signs directing you to Parking Area 3 structure.

Once Parked:
The parking bridge will take you to the 2nd floor of the Specialty Clinics Building.

Please Note: All of our parking structures and surface lots have accessible parking closest to building entrances. Entrances from our parking structures are all equipped with power doors. For more detailed information visit froedtert.com (Locations & Directions, Transportation and Parking Services).

Questions? Call 414-805-3666 or visit froedtert.com

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