

Chest Ultrasound

Appointment Information

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Address: _____

Notes: _____

About

Ultrasound examinations can help to diagnose a variety of conditions and can help assess organ damage following illness in the chest, as well as other areas of the body. Ultrasound can also help radiologists evaluate symptoms, including pain, swelling, infection and hematuria.

For the ultrasound of the chest, you will be positioned lying face-up on an examination table that can be tilted or moved.

A clear water-based gel is applied to the chest to help the transducer make secure contact with the body and eliminate air pockets between the transducer and the skin that can block the sound waves from passing into your body. The sonographer (ultrasound technologist) or radiologist then presses the transducer firmly against the skin in various locations, sweeping over the area of interest or angling the sound beam from a farther location to see an area of concern better.

When the examination is complete, you may be asked to dress and wait while the ultrasound images are reviewed. Most ultrasound examinations are completed within 30 minutes to an hour.

Preparations

You should wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing for your chest ultrasound exam. You may need to remove all clothing and jewelry in the area to be examined. You may also be asked to wear a gown during the chest ultrasound procedure.