

# **ULTRASOUND**

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Sonography provides images of organs and structures inside the body. Ultrasound images are utilized to visualize the heart, blood vessels, kidneys, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, spleen, and the genital tract.

This procedure can only be performed by a certified ultrasound technologist.

## **CONTRAINDICATIONS:**

Ultrasound technology does not emit radiation and does not have any associated risks.

## **PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Abdominal studies:** Do not eat, drink, chew gum or smoke (8) hours prior to exam.

**Pelvic studies:** Drink 32-40 ounces of cool water (no ice) and finish drinking minutes prior to exam. Do not void; full bladder needed for exam.

## **EXAM RESULTS:**

Patient results will be communicated by the Ordering Physician. Original reports will be auto-faxed or sent via the EHR to the Ordering Physician within (2) days of the exam. Patients will be notified by the technologist performing their study that they will be notified of their exam results by the Ordering Physician. The patient should contact the Ordering Provider if they do not receive their test results within a two week timeframe.

## **PATIENT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

Patients will be presented with an Advanced Beneficiary Notice at the time of their visit indicating their financial responsibility if the study is not covered by their insurance carrier. The ABN will be maintained as part of the patient's medical record.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

### **Eastside Imaging:**

Exams are performed on a scheduled appointment basis, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

### **Northwest Imaging:**

Exams are performed on a scheduled appointment basis, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.