

Ultrasound Scan Kidneys Adult

An ultrasound scan is an examination that involves taking pictures of the body using sound waves. Ultrasound can be used to look at all soft tissue structures and blood vessels. Pulses of ultrasound are sent through the skin into your body which then echo (bounce back), creating an image. The scan is carried out by a sonographer and the images recorded and interpreted to make a diagnosis. There are no side effects from having an ultrasound.

What is it?

An Ultrasound is similar to a scan that women have during pregnancy. It involves putting some jelly on the area to be scanned and running a probe over the surface of the skin.

How long will it take?

Please allow 1/2 hour for this examination.

Do I need to do anything?

Please make sure you attend with a full bladder if age allows.

If you are able to wear loose fitting clothing such as a tracksuit it may be possible to perform the scan without having to change into a gown. If you are sensitive to products containing latex please ensure that you inform the person carrying out the examination before the examination starts.

Will there be any side effects?

No, there are not side effects from having this investigation. You can continue with your day to day activities (such as driving) following your appointment.