



Imaging Department **Transvaginal (Endovaginal) Ultrasound**

This is an *internal* examination of your cervix, uterus, ovaries and surrounding adnexal region. This is almost always done in addition to a trans-abdominal (external) pelvic ultrasound. This is also frequently done with pregnancy ultrasounds.

PREPARATION: Please follow the “Pelvic/Pregnancy Ultrasound” preparation if you are having this exam along with the trans abdominal evaluation. You will be scanned/imaged with a full bladder first, unless instructed otherwise. Then, the sonographer will ask you to empty your bladder right before the endovaginal scan. Schedule this exam before any barium study, special procedure, or abdominal/pelvic CT scan.

BEFORE THE TEST: For your safety, you will be asked a number of questions by the sonographer and/or radiologist. Possible questions include, but are not limited to:

- What kind of symptoms are you having?
- Any previous surgeries? Medical history?
- Whether or not you are (or may be) pregnant?
- Are you allergic to latex? Date of your last menstrual period?

THE TEST: You will be asked to remove necessary clothing to allow access to your vagina. You will be asked to lie on your back and place your feet into stirrups. The sonographer will insert a long, skinny, imaging camera protected with a probe cover, into your vagina. This exam should not cause any discomfort unless you are very tender in your vaginal/pelvic region. You will need to lie in position for 15-30 minutes. The sonographer will make every effort to respect your privacy during the exam. If you become uncomfortable, the sonographer will attempt to make you more comfortable.

AFTER YOUR TEST: The sonographer must take 5-10 minutes to review your images with the radiologist, to make sure no additional imaging is needed before you leave. There are no restrictions from the Ultrasound Department after your test.

RESULTS: The radiologist will study your images in great detail, and will dictate a report which will be transcribed for your ordering physician to review and discuss with you. Your sonographer is unable to give you any results at the time of testing.

Every effort will be made to make you as comfortable as possible during your examination. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to the imaging staff at (574) 364-2819.