



Imaging Department

Infant Hip

***3 weeks-3 months of age**

Your doctor has ordered an Infant Hip Ultrasound for your child. This is an examination of the upper leg bone (femur) and its relationship to the pelvis (acetabulum). This procedure is done on infants 0-3 months old. There are a few things you should know before arriving to the Ultrasound department.

PREPARATION: None. This exam needs to be scheduled when there is a radiologist available.

BEFORE THE TEST: For your child's 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 signs/symptoms is your infant having?
- Any previous surgeries?
- Infant and family medical history?

THE TEST: Your child will need to lay on his/her back for this procedure. The sonographer will apply gel and rub an imaging camera around on the hip area to evaluate the above mentioned bones. During the exam, the sonographer and/or radiologist will move the leg and hip joint to evaluate for displacement. This should not cause the infant any pain. However, crying is a common response infants have to positioning. The sonographer and radiologist will attempt to make you and your infant as comfortable as possible.

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

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

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