



Imaging Department **Spleen Ultrasound**

Your doctor has ordered a Spleen Ultrasound for you. This is an examination of your spleen and left kidney. There are a few things you should know before arriving to the Ultrasound department.

PREPARATION: None. You may take all your medications, eat, and drink normally. This exam needs to be scheduled before a barium study, special procedure (including endoscopies), and/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?

THE TEST: You will be asked to lay on your back for this exam. The sonographer will apply gel and an imaging camera on your abdomen to evaluate the above mentioned organs. You may be asked to roll on your side or hold your breath during the scan. You will need to lie in position for 15-30 minutes. 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 dictate a report. It will then be transcribed for your ordering physician and faxed to his/her office within 48 business hours so that he/she may review and discuss it with you. Your sonographer is unable to give you 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.