

## **Imaging Department** **Testicular/Scrotal Ultrasound**

Your doctor has ordered a Scrotal Ultrasound for you. This is an imaging examination of your scrotal contents to include the testicles, epididymis, and also the groin area to assess the inguinal canal. Doppler imaging is also used to evaluate blood flow through the structures. There are a few things you should know before you arrive to the Ultrasound department.

**PREPARATION:** None. You may take all your medications, eat, and drink normally. You should allot an hour of your time for this exam to be completed.

**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?
- Was there any injury to the area?
- Any surgeries you have had?
- Pertinent family and personal medical history?

**THE TEST:** You will be asked to lay on your back for the procedure. You will also be asked to remove clothing to allow access to your scrotum. The sonographer will make contact with various areas of the scrotum with a camera to evaluate the testicles and other structures. This exam should not cause any discomfort, unless your scrotum is very tender. You will need to lie in position for 30-45 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. This will 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. The sonographer is unable to give you results at the time of the scan.

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.