

## **Information for Patients having an Ultrasound Scan**

### **What is an Ultrasound Scan?**

An ultrasound examination uses high frequency sound waves to produce pictures of organs inside your body.

### **How long will it take?**

The examination takes about 15 minutes. However, be prepared to spend up to 1 hour in the X-ray Department.

### **Do I need to do anything before I come?**

You may be asked to starve for 6 hours prior to your scan and drink some water. Full instructions will be provided with your appointment letter.

### **What happens during the scan?**

You will be taken into the Ultrasound room and be made comfortable on a couch. During the examination a clear gel is applied to the area to allow a probe which emits the sound waves to glide over the area and produce good images. This procedure is painless and takes approximately 15 minutes. We will make every effort to keep to your appointment time but if an emergency case arises you may be delayed.

### **Are there any risks or side effects?**

There are no risks involved in this scan.

### **When will I get the Results?**

The Radiologist (X-ray Doctor) or sonographer will advise you where and when to receive your results.

### **After the examination**

There are no side effects. You will be able to drive home.