

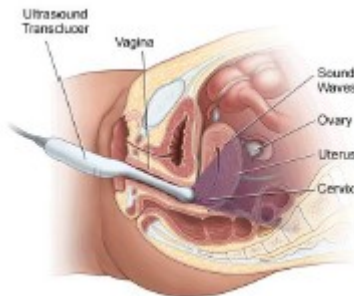
Transvaginal Ultrasound Consent Form

What is an ultrasound?

Ultrasound is a very safe and widely used medical technique that allows us to gain information about internal organs and structures. It is particularly useful in pregnancy as there are no known harmful effects. Unlike X-rays, there are no ionizing rays to be concerned about. A transducer (which looks like a slim rod) is put in contact with the skin and sound waves are emitted. The sound waves are not audible to the human ear. As the sound waves penetrate the body, they are bounced back at varying speeds by different density structures within the body. The sound waves received back are converted via a computer and a black-and-white picture is displayed in real-time on the doctor's monitor.

When is a trans-vaginal ultrasound used?

The trans-vaginal ultrasound is an internal examination and is commonly used during gynaecology investigations and IVF cycles to view the ovaries and uterus. It is sometimes used in early pregnancy stages also.



What will happen during the procedure?

Patients are required to lie down during the procedure, which will normally take between 5 and 15 minutes. Additional time may be required before and after the procedure for discussions with your doctor.

Patients having a trans-vaginal ultrasound will be required to remove their lower clothing. A clean sheet is available to cover the skin for modesty. A protective cover will be put over the thin transducer and it will be gently inserted into the vagina. The transducer will be moved around slowly to get different views of your internal organs.

It is important that you communicate with your doctor if you feel uncomfortable at any point during the procedure, either from physical discomfort or modesty discomfort. We wish to make your ultrasound as easy for you as possible and your comfort is important to us. The doctor will talk to you throughout the process and tell you what he/she is doing. If you would like a chaperone present during your ultrasound please advise us at the time of booking. **Please advise your doctor if you are allergic to latex.**

Are there any risks? There are no known side effects of transvaginal ultrasound.

CONSENT: (patient to complete).

I hereby give consent for my doctor to perform a trans-vaginal ultrasound on me at my appointments. I am aware that I can withdraw my consent verbally, or in writing at any time.

Patient Name: _____

Date: _____