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PATIENT INFORMATION REGARDING

OB (14-40 WEEKS) DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUNDS

One of the most exciting tools for medical diagnosis is ultrasound. This is a painless and non-invasive technique, which provides pictures of the fetus and surrounding tissue.

We understand that this is a very emotional time for you and your family and that you are excited about seeing your baby to make sure it is normal. All ultrasounds are done for medical reasons and; therefore, we take great pride and effort in doing a thorough and complete examination. The ability to provide a still image on a CD at your 21 week anatomy scan and see the sex of the baby is an additional benefit, but it is not the primary goal of the ultrasound.

The procedure in the ultrasound examination will be as follows:

The sonographer will measure and scan your baby for any problems. If you do not want to know the sex of the baby inform the technologist and your doctor. Also, please do not search your chart for the documentation.

In order to insure a quality scan, you need to arrive slightly in advance of your appointment time and with a full bladder. Most pregnant women feel their bladder is full all the time. We need an overly full bladder. This can be achieved by drinking 32-40 ounces of water (or other liquids) 45-60 minutes prior to the procedure. DO NOT EMPTY YOUR BLADDER! When you arrive and cannot hold your bladder, tell someone in the office that you need to empty slightly. If you are more than fifteen (15) minutes late and have not called or if your bladder is not full as per instructed, we will reschedule your appointment.

One or two significant other people can observe the ultrasound. Children under the age of 12 are not allowed. Children often do not have the patience required to remain still during the time of the exam. Please wear a loose fitting, two-piece outfit that will allow easy access to your lower abdominal region. You are encouraged to eat prior to your scan. Eating sometimes makes your baby more active.

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A normal ultrasound is very reassuring that your baby will most probably be healthy; however, a normal ultrasound does not guarantee that your baby will be perfect. Due to limitations of the pregnancy, the patient's size, fetal age, etc., and due to limitations of ultrasound some abnormalities cannot be detected.

Generally one of our registered diagnostic medical sonographer, Susan Morgan or Jennifer Metcalf, will perform the scan. The scan is put on a CD and then reviewed by Dr. Korman. Dr. Korman will personally perform the scan again if any abnormality is suspected or found at the time of the initial ultrasound.

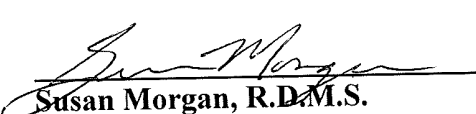
Dr. Korman, who reviews all ultrasounds, is responsible for the performance and interpretation of the ultrasound as a medical test. He will then discuss the ultrasound with your doctor. The final interpretation and application of the ultrasound to your particular clinical situation is made by your doctor. The ultrasound is only a screening and as such is only useful when applied to your situation.

One final note: The scheduled times for scans are subject to unexpected change. Given the nature of our specialty, unexpected events can occur suddenly. We have only your best interest at heart and wish to perform the most complete ultrasound in the best, uninterrupted fashion possible.

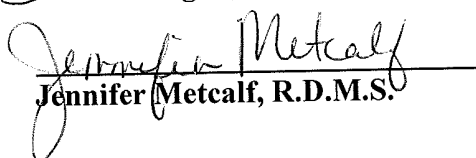


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