

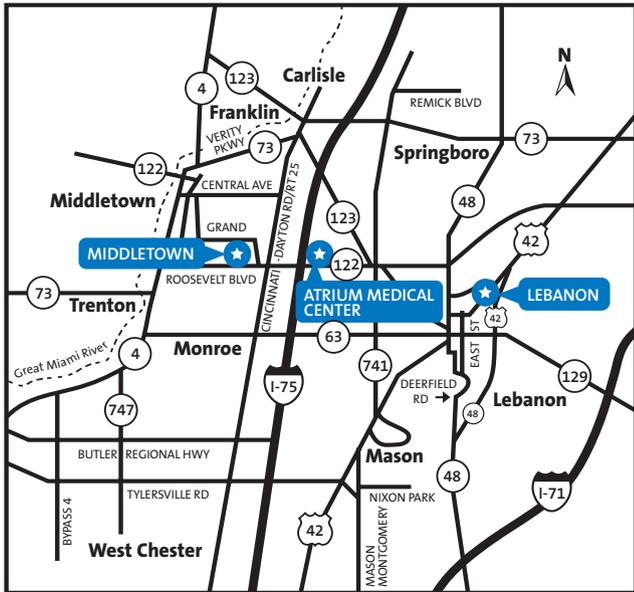
Your Ultrasound Appointment

Name _____

Date _____

Arrival Time _____ Appt. Time _____ a.m. / p.m.

Location _____



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Preparing for Your Ultrasound



What is an ultrasound?

An ultrasound is a diagnostic procedure that uses high frequency sound waves. Sound waves are transmitted through the body to the area being examined, and the reflected image is then shown on a screen similar to a television. No radiation is used in this exam.

Diagnostic ultrasound studies are used for visualization of the pelvis, blood vessels and heart, the breast, thyroid, and for abdominal organs such as the bladder, liver, kidneys, gallbladder, prostate, pancreas and spleen.

How is the exam performed?

The exam, which is performed by a registered sonographer, includes questions regarding your past medical history and diagnosis.

A small amount of gel will be applied to your skin to form a seal between the skin and a small device, called a transducer. The transducer sends and receives ultrasound waves as the sonographer holds it in various positions on your body. The computer then transforms these signals into images.

Is there any pain or discomfort?

The ultrasound will not be the source of pain, but the exam may be uncomfortable if a painful condition already exists.

How long does the exam take?

The ultrasound will take 30 to 60 minutes, depending on the area being studied.

Who will do my exam?

A registered sonographer will perform and supervise your ultrasound exam.

Preparation

To assure the most accurate results from your procedure and to minimize your waiting time, it is extremely important that you observe these procedures:

- Follow the specific instructions given to you by your doctor; otherwise it may not be possible to get a clear image of the internal organs.
- Arrive at your stated arrival time (before your scheduled exam time) so that our staff may get the necessary information for medical and business records.
- Please bring all health insurance and identification cards with you.