

Scrotal Ultrasound

This handout explains how to prepare and what to expect during a scrotal ultrasound exam.

What is a scrotal ultrasound?

Ultrasound exams use sound waves to create images of the inside of the body. A *scrotal ultrasound* looks at the testicles and surrounding structures. This exam allows your doctor to check the blood flow in this area. A *sonographer* (ultrasound technologist) uses a handheld *transducer*, which is a device that sends and receives sound waves to create a picture.

How does the exam work?

The sonographer will put gel on your scrotum. They will then apply light pressure and move the transducer around to get the pictures.

How should I prepare?

- No prep is needed for this exam.
- Please allow 30 minutes for the exam.
- You will need to undress from the waist down for this exam.



A sonographer holding a transducer.

How do I get my results?

A radiologist will review the pictures. They will send a report to your doctor who ordered the ultrasound. This report will be available for you to see in MyChart.

Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns.

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