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Looking at your baby . . . ULTRASOUND DURING YOUR PREGNANCY

During the course of your pregnancy, your doctor will order several ultrasound examinations to evaluate the growth and development of your baby.

Sonography is a medical imaging procedure that allows us to look at your pelvic organs and your baby, (or babies if more than one!). We offer **on-site ultrasound** performed by a certified sonographer. **This is convenient for you and gives your Doctor instant access to your information.** Your doctor will discuss the findings and the images with you at your visit.

WILL I HAVE AN ULTRASOUND EVERY VISIT DURING PREGNANCY?

Ultrasounds are performed for certain medical indications and are not routinely done at every visit. Depending on **your** pregnancy, the schedule of ultrasounds will be outlined for you. Routine ultrasounds are:

- Initial pregnancy visit to confirm due date and viability of the pregnancy
- 20 weeks to examine the fetal anatomy
- 30 AND 36 weeks to monitor your baby's growth, amniotic fluid levels and to check the baby's position.

MAY I VIDEO RECORD MY ULTRASOUND EXAM?

Unfortunately, the answer is 'no' to recording. Sonography is a very technical procedure; the sonographer needs to focus on you, the patient, and not have the distractions of video recording. **We ask that all cell phones and video devices be turned off during the exam.** If you would like to have a picture while you are on the ultrasound table, our Sonographer will provide that for you.

DO YOU HAVE 3D IMAGING AVAILABLE?

Yes, a 3D image will be available for you later in pregnancy.

AM I ALLOWED TO HAVE FAMILY OR FRIENDS IN THE ROOM DURING MY ULTRASOUND?

During a routine, doctor-ordered ultrasound, you may have up to two guests. Guests may be further limited at the discretion of the sonographer. We appreciate your understanding.

MAY I HAVE AN EARLIER ULTRASOUND FOR GENDER DETERMINATION?

If you choose to have an earlier ultrasound, between 15 and 16 weeks, to find out the gender, **insurance will not pay** for this. We can attempt to determine gender for a small courtesy fee of \$60.00. Again, not all babies will cooperate, depending on angle of his or her movements. THIS PROCEDURE MUST BE SCHEDULED to be sure the sonographer is available. We can try to accommodate you at the time of your appointment.

IS THERE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE GENDER OF MY BABY?

Your **20 week ultrasound exam** is the best time to view **all of the anatomy of the baby**. We look at the face, brain, heart, all internal organs and the skeletal system, etc. Depending on the baby's position, we may or may not be able to see the gender of your baby. Not all babies cooperate during the exam, so we cannot promise we will be able to see the anatomy clearly. **If you do not want to know the gender of your baby in advance, please tell the sonographer prior to the scan.**

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