

ULTRASOUND

Follow the technologist's instructions for positioning yourself on the table. Mineral oil or a gel is applied to the skin; it feels cool. The technologist moves a probe, which may feel cold on your skin, over the area to be studied. The probe sends soundwaves that pass through tissue and are displayed on a video screen. Pictures are taken for the radiologist to study later. This is a safe, painless procedure, but you may feel slight pressure. An ultrasound may require 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

**If you have a known aneurysm, soundwaves will not cause it to rupture.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Follow all directions given by the technologist. You will be instructed prior to the test if there are any diet limitations or if you need to drink a large amount of liquids.

For most x-rays, a hospital gown will be provided. Please remove buttons, snaps, etc.

The radiologist will study your examination and report the results to your physician.

Let your doctor know of suspected pregnancy before proceeding with the exam.