

Ultrasound Scan

INTRODUCTION

All ultrasound scans performed during your treatment cycle are internal vaginal scans and enable visualisation of the uterus and ovaries. They are performed by a member of the Nurse Coordination Team. The ultrasound assesses the development of follicles on the ovaries (fluid filled sacs that contain eggs) and measures the endometrial lining prior to treatment. The scan also provides information on timing of treatment e.g. egg collection/ trigger injection/ intercourse/ insemination /embryo transfer.

WHAT IS ULTRASOUND?

Ultrasound creates images of structures in the body by sending high frequency sound waves to the area of interest.

ULTRASOUND LIST

On arrival to Concept Fertility Centre please write your name on the ultrasound list located in the reception area. The list is operated on a first come first served basis. An empty bladder is required prior to the procedure to establish an optimum image. Please visit

the bathroom on arrival to the clinic and then have a seat in the waiting area.



INFORMED CONSENT

A signed consent is required to perform a vaginal ultrasound scan and to verify you fully understand the procedure. A three point identification check will also be carried out to confirm your identity.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE ULTRASOUND SCAN

On entry to the scan room adequate time will be given to undress (bottom clothing only) and lie on the couch. A large sheet is provided to ensure your privacy is maintained at all times.

A transducer probe about the thickness of your thumb is covered with a latex free sheath with a small amount of gel applied, prior to the scan. The probe is then inserted into

the vagina. We are fully aware of the sensitive nature of the procedure, so there is the option for you to introduce the transducer yourself, as you would a tampon. The scan will take approximately five minutes and you should experience little to no discomfort. At any stage throughout the procedure please inform the staff member if uncomfortable. You have the right to terminate the examination at any point.

RESULTS

The Nurse Coordinator performing the ultrasound will provide a brief outline of the images being viewed on the screen. However the ultrasound scan report will be provided to your Doctor for full analysis and decision making about your treatment. A Nurse Coordinator will call you in the afternoon to provide you with the next step required, as requested by your Doctor.

SERVICE TIMES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY ONLY

07.30AM TO 09.00AM