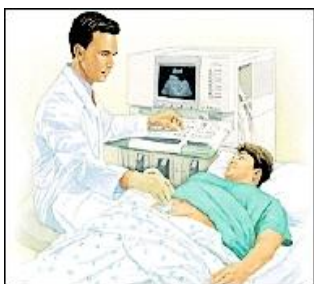


Pelvic Ultrasound

Pelvic ultrasound is an imaging test that uses sound waves to form pictures of your organs. It can help assess pain or other symptoms within your **pelvis** (area between your hip bones). And in pregnant women, it is used to check the health of the fetus (unborn baby). You will need to schedule this test with Central Scheduling (630-856-7070).

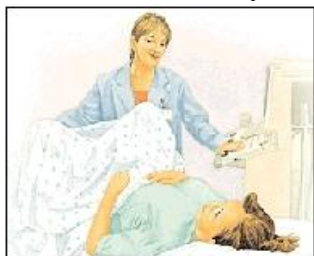


Your sonographer may ask why your doctor has ordered an ultrasound. He or she may also ask when your last period started. Also let the sonographer know:

- If you've had an ultrasound exam of this area before
- If you've had any pelvic surgery
- What medications you take
- Whether you're pregnant

Before Your Test

- You may be instructed to drink a certain amount of water or other clear fluid before your test. It is important to do this as directed, to make sure that your bladder is full for the test.
- The test may take 30–45 minutes. Allow extra time to register.



During Your Test

- You will lie on your back with your abdomen exposed.
- A non-greasy gel will be applied to the skin.
- The sonographer will move a hand-held transducer (probe) across your pelvis.
- The test may include a second part. You will be instructed to empty your bladder before this part of the test.
- You will lie on your back with your knees raised. A probe covered with non-greasy gel is placed inside your vagina. Or, you may be asked to insert the probe yourself as you would a tampon. The probe should not be painful.

After Your Exam

- You will need to contact your doctor for the test results.