Liverpool University Hospitals

Patient information

Intra-anal Trans-rectal Ultrasound Examination Appointment

Radiology Department

Before your examination

There is no preparation for this examination. Eat, drink and continue all your medication as normal.

What is an Intra Anal / Trans Rectal Ultrasound Examination?

An ultrasound scan is a way of producing detailed pictures of inside the body, using sound waves instead of X-rays. For this scan, the small ultrasound probe is inserted into the back passage.

You may wish to discuss alternative treatments or procedures. Please ask a doctor or nurse if alternative treatments or procedures are available.

What are the benefits of this procedure?

The procedure is not painful, and is the best way to image this part of the body.

What are the risks of this procedure?

There are no known risks.

The examination

You will be required to change into a hospital gown and you may be given a suppository or mini-enema to empty your back passage.

There is no need to remove your jewellery, glasses, contact lenses or false teeth. You will then be escorted to the ultrasound room. If you need to bring a carer with you, please speak to a member of the ultrasound department staff.

A Radiologist (a Doctor who specialises in X-rays) assisted by a second member of staff will perform the ultrasound examination.

The Doctor may perform a rectal examination using a gloved finger. Following this the small ultrasound probe will be inserted into your back passage and several images taken. The examination may take between 10 and 15 minutes.

After the examination

Providing no other investigations are required you may go home and continue with your normal activities. The report will be sent back to the Doctor who requested the examination.

Results

Your results will be sent back to the doctor who requested this examination. This usually takes between seven and ten days.

Cancellations

If you are unable to keep this appointment, please let us know as soon as possible and we will arrange another for you.

If you fail to cancel and do not attend you will not be sent another appointment.

Car Parking

The Q-Park Car Park is located near to the Royal Liverpool Hospital ; however access by car is off the one way system located in Epworth Street (off Erskine Street).

There are disabled spaced located within the car park and there is a shuttle bus service for people with mobility problems. The Shuttle bus operates Monday to Friday 8.45am - 4.45pm from Q park to The Royal Liverpool Hospital

Q-Park is a privately run car park and there are charges for parking. For more information regarding the charges please see notices in the car park or contact Q-park on Tel: 0870 4420 1104 or q-park.co.uk.

Payment is made before departure at the payment machine within the car park. The payment machine accepts coins, notes and credit cards.

Transport

Transport has not been arranged for this appointment so it will be necessary for you to make your own arrangements.

If you have been referred to us from clinic and usually have an ambulance to bring you for your appointment, please contact the Appointments office as soon as possible.

If you have been referred to us by your Family Doctor (GP) and require an ambulance please contact their surgery.

Please bring this leaflet with you when you attend the ultrasound department, which is located within the main X-ray department at the Royal Liverpool Hospital.

Feedback

Your feedback is important to us and helps us influence care in the future

Following your discharge from hospital or attendance at your outpatient appointment you will receive a text asking if you would recommend our service to others.

Please take the time to text back, you will not be charged for the text and can opt out at any point. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Further Information

If you have any further questions, or require further information, please contact the Appointments office on: Tel: 0151 706 2759 Text phone number: 18001 0151 706 2759

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