UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER PATIENT EDUCATION

SCROTAL (TESTICULAR) ULTRASOUND



Your physician has referred you to the Diagnostic Services Department at United Hospital Center for a testicular sonogram. This examination uses sound waves to obtain images of your scrotum and testicles.

You will be asked to wear a hospital gown. Upon entering the exam room the sonographer, a technologist specially trained in ultrasound, will position you on a table. A folded towel may be placed between your legs, elevating your scrotum, to provide better access for the exam. Your penis will be moved out of the way, against the lower abdomen, and covered by a towel. Gel will be applied to your skin to prevent air from getting between the ultrasound source and your skin. A small probe, called a transducer, will be passed over the surface of your scrotum. When the necessary images are filmed and checked the gel can be wiped off.

Please keep in mind that though the sonographer is well qualified to perform your sonogram, only a physician may interpret it. Therefore, sonographers do not discuss results with patient. Any questions regarding the results of your sonogram should be directed to the physician who requested your exam.

LENGTH: Approximately 30 minutes

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