

UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER PATIENT EDUCATION

TRANSVAGINAL – ENDOVAGINAL ULTRASOUND



Your physician has referred you to the Diagnostic Services Department at United Hospital Center for a Pelvic Sonogram. This examination uses sound waves to produce images of body parts. Sonograms are helpful in evaluating pregnancy, as well as other pelvic conditions.

Following the completion of the transabdominal ultrasound, the patient will be asked to empty their bladder and remove their clothing from the waist down. You will be asked to lie on the exam table with your hips elevated on a cushion and your knees bent. You will be covered with a sheet. The ultrasound probe will be handed to you between your knees and you will be asked to insert the probe into your vagina (similar to inserting a tampon). The sonographer will then take the probe handle and begin the exam. The sonographer will be accompanied by a radiologist and/or chaperone throughout the exam. The probe may be directed from side to side and up and down to visualize the ovaries, uterus, and other pelvic structures. When the exam is complete, the probe will be withdrawn and you may dress and return to the bathroom, if necessary.

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 exam results with patients. Any questions regarding the results of your sonogram should be directed to the physician who requested the exam.

LENGTH: Approximately 15 minutes

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