

Coming for a US scan

What is a US scan?

- An ultrasound scan (US) is a procedure that uses high-frequency sound waves to create an image of a part of the inside of the body.
- It is quick, painless, and safe.
- A sonographer or a Radiology doctor may perform the scan.

Before your appointment

- Please ensure to follow any preparation required, as detailed in your letter. You may be asked to fast or to have a full bladder.
- If you require hearing aids or glasses, please bring them with you to aid with communication during your scan.
- Wear simple clothing with as few fastenings as possible



What happens during my scan?

- During the scan, depending on the region of body part being scanned, you will be asked to remove or lift part of your clothing and lie on a couch.
- A small amount of gel will be used on your skin for the scan. This is not painful but may feel cold.
- An ultrasound probe is then used to scan the area which will then produce images.

How long will my appointment take?

- Please allow 30 minutes for the appointment.
- Please be aware that if you are late for the appointment or have not followed the preparation instructions appropriately, your scan may be rebooked for a future date.

How will I get my results?

- If you are unable to attend your appointment, please change it by phoning the number on your appointment letter or 0131 536 6409/0131 536 6410.
- Patient Transport will only be made available if you have a clinical need. Call 0300 123 1236 (calls charged at local rate). It can take up to 28 days in advance to book. Please ensure you have your CHI number available.