

ULTRASOUND SCAN IN EARLY PREGNANCY

Information Leaflet

Introduction

Your Doctor/Midwife has asked us to perform an ultrasound scan for you.

An ultrasound picture is formed by sound waves, which are passed through the uterus and reflected back as an image. This may be performed abdominally but if the pregnancy is less than 10 weeks it may be performed internally. This means inserting the tip of a thin probe into the vagina (in the same manner as a tampon is inserted). If you have any concerns about having this scan your midwife will be happy to advise you.

There is no evidence that having a vaginal or abdominal scan can cause miscarriage or harm the pregnancy. However we do not recommend repeated ultrasound scans.

Most pregnant women are referred for their routine scan between 10 and 14 weeks. The midwife will organise this for you.

Early scans

You may be referred for an early scan because of pain, vaginal bleeding or spotting, or because you have had problems in a previous pregnancy. We do not normally scan before 7 weeks, however if we suspect an ectopic pregnancy you may be offered a scan from 6 weeks.

If you have had previous miscarriages or problems in previous pregnancies or have experienced some 'spotting' in this pregnancy you may be referred to the Specialist Midwife for a scan, however this scan will not be performed before 8 weeks.

If you are experiencing heavy bleeding we would not routinely scan before the bleeding has settled. If we detect a heart beat on ultrasound scan research has shown that at:-
6 weeks there is a 78% chance of the pregnancy continuing
8 weeks there is a 98% chance of the pregnancy continuing
10 weeks there is a 99.4% chance of the pregnancy continuing

Therefore if we see a heartbeat we will not routinely rescan, however if you have heavy bleeding with clots and abdominal pain please contact the Jasmine Assessment Unit. Unfortunately, we are unable to prevent a miscarriage but our priority is your safety and wellbeing.

What will happen during the scan

You will need to empty your bladder just before the scan and undress from the waist down. You will lie on the couch. A foam cushion may be placed under you to lift you slightly and allow the Sonographer to manoeuvre the probe.

The probe is sterilized between examinations. Before inserting the probe it is covered with a latex condom. If you are allergic to latex please indicate below and an alternative non-latex cover will be used. Gel is also used to allow the probe to be inserted comfortably.

At the end of the scan tissue is provided for you to wipe off the gel.

Your consent

We require your written consent to perform this examination. If you have any concerns about having the Ultrasound scan your Sonographer will be happy to advise you.

Are you allergic to latex? Yes No

Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....

Contact us

If you have any concerns please telephone the Jasmine Assessment Unit on
0161 419 4721

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