

## ***What is an ultrasound?***

An ultrasound is a way of looking inside the human body using high-frequency sound waves. Ultrasound is a completely safe and non-invasive method of diagnostic imaging.

### **Why is the test done?**

Physicians order this procedure to quickly and easily diagnose conditions such as gallstones, heart disease, liver disease, aneurysms, arterial occlusions of the carotid, abdominal or lower extremity arteries, cystic structures, and soft tissue masses.

### **How do I prepare for this test?**

- Most ultrasound procedures require no preparation.
- Some procedures require you have nothing to eat or drink several hours prior to your procedure.
- Some procedures require that you have a full urinary bladder prior to your test.

Our talented and experienced customer service staff will work closely with you prior to your procedure to enhance your procedure, answer any questions you might have, and provide you with an appointment time of your choice.

### **How long will it take to complete the test?**

You can expect to spend approximately 30-60 minutes from start to finish for your procedure. Each procedure will be interpreted by a local Board Certified Radiologist the same day the procedure is performed.

### **What can I expect during the test?**

Our experienced staff will ask you to lie on a comfortable ultrasound exam table. You may be asked to hold your breath or breathe slowly for some procedures.

### **What happens after the test?**

You can return to your normal routine unless otherwise advised. Your doctor will receive a written report and discuss the results with you.