

ABDOMINAL COMPLETE ULTRASOUND

OVERVIEW: The sonographer will examine the pancreas, liver, gallbladder, bile ducts, kidneys, aorta, inferior vena cava (IVC), and spleen.

PREPARATION: For this exam, the patient must not have anything to eat or drink after midnight, not even water; Or, 6 hours depending on the appointment time. The patient should take an antacid 30 minutes prior to the exam.

This test can rule out and diagnose a number of problems such as (not limited to):

- The cause of abdominal pain
- The cause of kidney infections
- The cause of nausea/vomiting
- Diagnose ascites
- Diagnose and monitor tumors/cancer
- Diagnose and examine organs for swelling
- Look for stones in the gallbladder, bile ducts, kidneys
- Look for cause of abnormal blood tests
- Look for damage after an injury or cause of a fever

The reason for the test will depend on your symptoms.

THIS ULTRASOUND WILL TAKE ABOUT 30-40 MINUTES AND THE REPORT WILL BE BACK TO YOUR ORDERING PHYSICIAN WITHIN 24-48 HOURS.