

ABDOMINAL LIMITED ULTRASOUND

OVERVIEW: The sonographer examines the pancreas, liver, gallbladder, bile ducts, and right kidney

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):

- Identify the cause of right upper quadrant abdominal pain
- Identify the cause of nausea/vomiting
- Identify ascites
- Identify and monitor tumors/cancer
- Examine organs for swelling
- Look for stones in the gallbladder, bile ducts, right kidney
- Identify cause of abnormal liver function tests
- Identify damage after an injury or cause of a fever

The reason for the test will depend on your symptoms.

THIS ULTRASOUND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15-20 MINUTES AND THE REPORT WILL BE BACK TO YOUR ORDERING PHYSICIAN WITHIN 24-48 HOURS.