

PELVIC LIMITED ULTRASOUND

OVERVIEW: The sonographer examines the uterus, endometrium, cervix, right/left ovaries, and right/left adnexa (**either transabdominal or transvaginal exams.)

PREPARATION: There is no preparation for this exam unless it is a transabdominal exam. For a transabdominal exam, the patient needs to drink 32 ounces of water 1 hour prior to the exam. The patient cannot void until *after* the exam.

One of the two will be performed: Transabdominal *or* Transvaginal

1—Transabdominal— The sonographer examines the top of the pelvic area with the full bladder to get an overall picture of the pelvic organs. This also allows for the visualization of any adnexal masses or large uterine growths.

The patient is then allowed to void the bladder.

2—Transvaginal—The sonographer examines the pelvic organs with an internal ultrasound transducer. This is a probe that goes into the vaginal canal to get a closer look at the texture of the uterus, endometrium, ovaries, and adnexa.

Note* If the patient has not had a pap smear or is not sexually active, the transvaginal ultrasound will not be performed.

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

- The cause of lower abdominal/pelvic pain in female.
- The cause of lower abdominal swelling and/or vaginal bleeding
- Diagnose ovarian cysts or tumors
- Diagnose and monitor tumors/cancer
- Look for endometrial hyperplasia (thickness in endometrial lining)
- Check the size and growth of fibroids/masses on the uterus
- Locate an intrauterine device (IUD)

The reason for the test will depend on your symptoms.

THIS ULTRASOUND WILL TAKE ABOUT 20-40 MINUTES AND THE REPORT WILL BE BACK TO YOUR ORDERING PHYSICIAN WITHIN 24-48 HOURS.