

THYROID

OVERVIEW: The sonographer examines the right and left thyroid lobes, and the isthmus.

PREPARATION: No special preparation for a thyroid ultrasound.

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

- Thyroid enlargement
- Identify masses or cysts within thyroid/isthmus parenchyma
- Determine the size of nodule
- Determine the architecture of nodule-solid vs. cystic
- Look for cause of difficulty swallowing
- Examine thyroid for cause of abnormal thyroid lab data

The reason for the test will depend on your symptoms.

THIS ULTRASOUND WILL TAKE ABOUT 20-30 MINUTES AND THE REPORT WILL BE BACK TO YOUR ORDERING PHYSICIAN WITHIN 24-48 HOURS.