

Who can I contact if I have a problem when I get home?

If you experience any problems related to your surgery or admission once you have been discharged home. Please feel free to contact 4A, 4B or 4C ward for advice from the nurse in charge. They will assist you via the telephone, advise you return to your GP or ask you to make your way to the ED department at Whiston Hospital depending upon the nature of your concern.

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Ultra Sound Scan Information

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An ultrasound scan is a procedure that uses high frequency sound waves to create an image of part of the inside of the body.

How ultrasound scans works -

A small device called an ultrasound transducer is used, which gives off high-frequency sound waves. You cannot hear these sound waves, but when they bounce off different parts of the body, they create "echoes" that are picked up by the probe and turned into a moving image.

This image is displayed on a monitor while the scan is carried out.

Preparing for an ultrasound scan -

Before having some types of ultrasound scan, you may be asked to follow certain instructions to help improve the quality of the images produced. For example, you may be advised to:

Drink water and not go to the toilet until after the scan – this may be needed before a scan of your unborn baby, your pelvic area or your urinary tract.

Avoid eating for six hours before the scan –

You may be asked not to eat for 6 hours before a scan of your upper abdomen, including the liver and gallbladder, depending on the area of your body being examined, you may be asked to remove some clothing and wear a hospital gown.

What happens during an ultrasound scan?

Most ultrasound scans last between 15 and 45 minutes and are performed either by a radiologist, a sonographer or other healthcare professional that is trained to undertake ultrasound examinations.

There are different kinds of ultrasound scans, depending on which part of the body is being scanned and why. The three main types are:

- **External ultrasound scan** – the probe is moved over the skin
- **Internal ultrasound scan** – the probe is inserted into the body
- **Endoscopic ultrasound scan** – the probe is attached to a long, thin, flexible tube (an endoscope) and passed further into the body

After an ultrasound scan

Ultrasound is a safe and well tolerated imaging procedure, and the scan will cause you no ill effects.

Unless instructed by the nursing staff to remain Nil by Mouth you can eat and drink normally once you have had your ultrasound examination.

You may be told the results of your scan soon after it has been carried out, but in most cases the images will need to be analysed and a report will be sent to the doctor who referred you for the scan who in due course will give you your results.

Students

There may be students present during your consultation as part of their on-going training. Please let the staff know if you wish to be seen by a doctor only.