

OB Ultrasound Less Than 14 Weeks



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What is an OB Ultrasound Less than 14 Weeks?

Ultrasound imaging or sonography uses sound waves to produce pictures of the inside of the body. Ultrasound exams do not use radiation. Ultrasound images are captured in real-time so they can show the structure and movement of the body's internal organs, as well as blood flowing through blood vessels of the mother and baby.

This exam is usually performed trans-abdominally. If circumstances warrant, a trans-vaginal approach may be used.

Organs visualized include: embryo/fetus, uterus, ovaries

CPT Code

76801 less than 14 weeks

76815 limited to fetal heartbeat, placental location, or position

76816 follow-up re-evaluation of fetal size, amniotic fluid level, or evaluation of a specific organ

Indications

establish the presence of a viable pregnancy, estimate gestational age, evaluate the position of the placenta, determine if there are multiple pregnancies, determine the amount of amniotic fluid around the baby, check for opening or shortening of the cervix

Contraindications

none

How Does Your Patient Prepare?

Patient should wear a loose fitting two-piece outfit. A full bladder is not necessary.

What Happens During the Test?

Our technologist will obtain a medical history.

Your patient will be asked to disrobe from the waist down and will be provided a gown or blanket. She is positioned lying face-up on an examination table that can be tilted or moved.

A clear gel is applied to her abdomen. The sonographer (ultrasound technologist) or radiologist then presses the transducer against the skin and sweeps it back and forth over the abdomen. The transducer is a small hand-held device that resembles a microphone, attached to a scanner by a cord. The ultrasound image is available to the technologist immediately on a screen next to your patient.

The exam takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

After the Test

After the exam the gel is wiped off. Your patient may resume normal activities. Iowa Radiology may provide a complimentary ultrasound picture to your patient as a keepsake.

The Results

A radiologist will analyze the images and send a signed report to the referring physician within 1 business day.

(Information adapted from www.radiologyinfo.org and Dr. Jill Westercamp)

This manual is intended for use as merely a guideline for referring physicians and their staff only. It contains information pertaining to the most commonly ordered exams and indications. However, Iowa Radiology does not recommend any particular examination. Individual radiologist preference or patient circumstances may dictate ordering alternative studies. Although contrast codes are not needed to place an order, the following contrast codes may be used in placing orders: CT Contrast Q9967, MRI contrast A9577 and A9579.