

OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND

Purpose

To obtain images of the fetus and surrounding structures.

How long will this procedure take?

This examination will take up to 1 hour per baby.

Preparation:

You will be asked to drink 36 oz. of water 45 minutes prior to the exam.

Important: You must not empty your bladder until the exam is completed.

Procedure:

The ultrasound technologist will apply a gel to your lower abdomen. Using a transducer, images of the fetal anatomical structures will be obtained, utilizing the full bladder as a “window” into the pelvis. During the examination, the technologist will obtain images and measurements of the position of the baby, placenta and cervix.

After the examination:

The radiologist will study your films and dictate a report which will be sent to your physician within 24 hours.