

## Ultrasound – Pelvis (GYN)

To Schedule: (319) 861-7778

Questions about your procedure: (319) 398-6050



### What is an Ultrasound?

An ultrasound scan is a medical test that uses high frequency sound waves to produce images of structures within your body. The images can provide valuable information for diagnosing and treating a variety of diseases and conditions.

### Preparation:

A full bladder is required if you are 18 or younger and are not sexually active. You will need to finish drinking 4-6 eight-ounce glasses of water 1 hour before the exam time. You will then need to hold your bladder until the ultrasound exam is completed. No prep for those over 18 receiving a transvaginal probe ultrasound.

### Procedure:

You will be asked to lie on a bed or stretcher. Prior to beginning the examination, a technologist will ask you to move or remove clothing in the area to be imaged. For your privacy, only the area to be imaged will be uncovered. A probe, called a transducer, is placed on the skin or in the vagina and sends a brief pulse of sound into the body. The ultrasound exam will take between 30 and 60 minutes, depending on the type of exam ordered.

**PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:  
A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY**

### Parking:

#### **Mercy Hospital:**

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Proceed to **Ground (G)** level and follow the signs to “Radiology (X-Ray),” also located on **Ground (G)** level.

#### **Mercy Imaging Center - Hiawatha:**

Located at 1195 Boysen Rd. in Hiawatha. This location is particularly convenient for patients coming from the north side of Cedar Rapids, Marion, or Hiawatha. Park directly outside the “Imaging” door along N. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### Results:

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to the provider who ordered your exam. Your provider will discuss the results with you. Results will typically be available for your provider within two business days of the exam. Results will also be sent to your MyChart account.