

Imaging test to be performed:

## Abdominal



Patient's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Test date: \_\_\_\_\_

Test time: \_\_\_\_\_

*See other side for test location and registration instructions*

What You Need To Know

### How to prepare for your test:

Don't eat or drink after midnight before your exam.

### How long will the test take?

About 30 – 60 minutes.

### What is the purpose of the test?

To examine the internal organs of the abdomen, including the liver, gallbladder, spleen, and pancreas, and the abdominal aorta. [Note: A separate test description for a renal ultrasound (for kidneys) is available.] The blood vessels to some of these organs can also be evaluated.

Your test may focus on one or all of the subjects listed above.

### How is the test performed?

You will be lying down for the procedure. A clear, water-based conducting gel will be applied to your abdomen help with the transmission of the sound waves. The ultrasound transducer (a handheld probe) will then moved over your abdomen. You may be asked to move to other positions so that different areas can be examined. You may also be asked to hold your breath for short periods of time during the examination.

### Required before test:

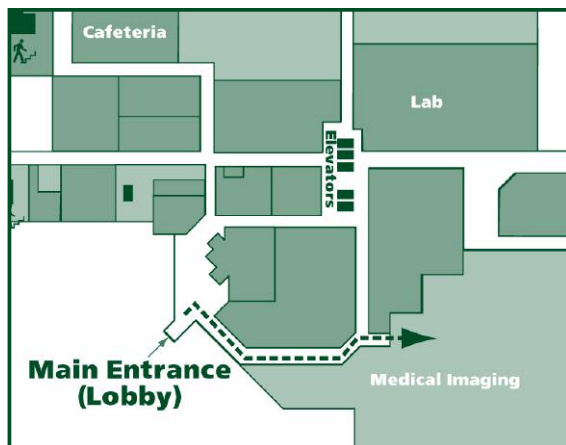
Please provide a signed physician order to perform the exam.

Results will be sent to your ordering physician after a radiologist's review.

## Your test will be conducted at:

### EIRMC (main campus)

Medical Imaging Department  
3100 Channing Way  
Idaho Falls  
**208-227-2600**



## What is ultrasound?

Your doctor has ordered for you a body imaging test known as an ultrasound. Ultrasound is like ordinary sound except it has a frequency (or pitch) higher than human beings can hear. No radiation is involved. When sent into the body via a transducer (small, handheld probe) resting on a patient's skin, the sound is reflected off internal structures. The returning echoes are received by the transducer and converted into pictures of the internal structures on a viewing screen. Diagnostic ultrasound imaging is commonly called sonography or ultrasonography.

## How to register:

Please arrive 10 – 15 minutes early to register (unless you are instructed differently). See the following schedule for guidance on where and when to register. You will need to show a copy of your insurance card and driver's license each time you register.

## Where to register:

Day/Time	EIRMC Location
<i>Mon.- Fri.</i>	
12 - 6:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Medical Imaging Dept.
4:30 - 7 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
7 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Saturday</i>	
12 - 7:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
4 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Sunday</i>	
All day	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)