



## Ultrasound Examinations

Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound, also known as Sonography, is a diagnostic medical procedure that uses high frequency sound waves to produce images of organs, tissues and or blood flow within the body. For some exams, you are required to change into a gown.

Your doctor may order different types of ultrasound exams to visualize different parts of the body.

**ABDOMINAL ULTRASOUND** images the gallbladder, bile ducts, liver, kidneys, spleen, pancreas, and aorta. This test requires you to fast for 12 hours prior to the exam.

**KIDNEY, BLADDER ULTRASOUND** images the urinary tract and requires you to drink four 8 oz. glasses of liquid one hour before the exam and to not urinate before the exam.

**OBSTETRICAL and PELVIC ULTRASOUNDS** provide detailed images of the unborn fetus and the female reproductive organs. This exam requires you to finish drinking four 8 oz glasses of liquid 45-60 minutes before the exam without urination.

**After** an OBSTETRICAL Exam, a support person of the patient's choice is allowed into the ultrasound exam room to view the fetus once all medical images have been taken.

**THYROID, BREAST and SCROTAL ULTRASOUNDS** help to detect abnormalities and do not require any preparation.

## Safety Information about the use of Ultrasound Technology

Ultrasound is a relatively safe imaging tool since no ionizing radiation is required. High frequency sound waves, much like sonar, are used to produce images of various organs. A Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer will perform the Ultrasound exam. The images are reviewed by our Radiologist who interprets them and a report is sent to the physician who ordered the test.

Sometimes biopsies are performed in the Ultrasound Department by the Radiologist with assistance from the Sonographer. If a biopsy is required, the procedure will be thoroughly explained to you, including all risks associated with the procedure and your consent will be obtained beforehand.



## WE CARE WHAT YOU THINK

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Area/Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

While at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	N/A
1. I was cared for promptly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Staff were courteous	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I received satisfactory answers to my questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I participated in decision making about my care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. My privacy was respected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. My dignity was maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I was provided with follow up or discharge instructions related to my visit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The department where I received care was clean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Overall, I feel my care at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital was:				
Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/>				

**We strive to make your visit to the G&M Hospital as safe as possible. Please use the following measures to do your part for our patients:**

1. We are a scent free environment; please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne or any scented products before arriving for your appointment or visiting patients.
2. Cover your cough! If you are experiencing respiratory symptoms, please request a mask from any of our registration areas and wear it while on the premises.
3. Hand washing protects us all from the spread of infectious diseases. There is hand cleansing gel available in all areas for your use.
4. Children are not permitted in the examination room while the exam is being performed. Please bring someone to supervise your children.