

## **Ultrasound examination of the child**

### **Patient instructions**

There are different instructions for ultrasound examination of the child's abdomen.

### **How to prepare for the examination?**

You can bring the child's favourite toy to the examination. It is good to mention to the child that it will be dark in the examination room at the time of examination. Before coming to the examination, you can role-play the procedure situation together at home, for example with a doll. The study does not require any other preparations. If the child is afraid of the examination, it is good to tell her/him that the examination, will not hurt at all.

### **How is the examination done?**

The ultrasound examination is painless. In the examination, a suitably warmed lubricating gel is applied to the child's skin and the probe is moved on the skin over the area to be examined

The examination usually takes 10 to 30 minutes. Please be aware that our department also conducts other emergency on-call examinations, therefore your examination time might vary.

### **What about after the examination?**

The examination does not require follow-up. The child can eat and drink normally.

The referring unit, outpatients department or Health center is responsible for reporting the results of the examination and possible follow-up actions.