

Lower abdominal ultrasound

Why the scan is being done

Your doctor has ordered a lower abdominal ultrasound for you.

Getting ready for the scan

Children

No preparations are needed for children under 7 years.

Children over 7 year follow the same instructions as adults.

Adults

You may eat and drink as normal.

Your bladder should be full during the scan. Do not go to the toilet for 2–3 hours before the examination.

If you have a urinary catheter, close it 2-3 hours before the scan.

How the scan is done

The ultrasound scan is painless. You will be lying on your back on an examination table.

The examination is performed by a radiologist or a sonographer (a radiographer specialising in ultrasound).

The doctor or sonographer will apply gel on the skin on your stomach and move the

ultrasound probe over the skin of the area being examined.

The scan takes 10–30 minutes, however you should reserve slightly more time for your appointment.

Where do you get the scan results

You will get the results from the referring outpatient clinic or ward.

If you were referred from your health centre, make an appointment at your health centre to hear the results.

Other considerations

There is no separate fee for the scan; it is included in the outpatient clinic fee.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled scan appointment, please let us know as soon as possible.

Contact information

If you have any questions about the examination, please contact the imaging unit you are scheduled to attend.

Eura, Kankaanpää, Pori and Rauma:

You can call our joint service number:
044 707 9202.

Phone hours:

Monday to Friday,
8 am–2.30 pm