

INFORMATION AND PREPARATION SHEET

BABY HIP ULTRASOUND SCAN

A guide to a Baby Hip Ultrasound scan

This information leaflet will explain what a baby hip ultrasound scan is. A baby hip scan can diagnose Developmental Dysplasia of the Hips (DDH). Please read this leaflet carefully.

What is an ultrasound scan?

An ultrasound examination obtains pictures of the inside of the body without the use of x-rays. It involves high frequency sound waves passing through the body and being reflected as echoes from structures inside the body. These echoes are displayed as images on a screen from which a diagnosis can be made. In order to obtain the pictures some gel will be applied to your child's skin surface and a probe is placed in contact with the gel and moved over the hip.

Who carries out the imaging?

The ultrasound is carried out by a sonographer (radiographer trained in ultrasound).

What are the benefits of having an ultrasound exam?

Ultrasound captures images of the organs and tissue that do not show up well on x-rays. You are not exposed to ionising radiation, so ultrasound is safer than x-rays and CT. Ultrasound can also detect abnormalities in a child's hip earlier than x-rays can.

What are the risks?

There are no known harmful risks with ultrasound. To reduce the risk of infection by non-sterile ultrasound gel products, remove all residual gel from your skin after the procedure, and wash area when able to do so.

Are there any alternatives?

Your referrer has decided that an ultrasound scan would be the most useful in your child's case. The examination will help your referrer to assess your child and plan any further treatment that might be necessary. If you would like more information about alternative imaging tests, please speak to the doctor or health care professional managing your care.

How to prepare your child for the procedure

There is no special preparation for this procedure but if your baby is hungry, we suggest you feed it prior to the scan.

It is essential that you arrive in plenty of time for your appointment

Medication

Your child can continue to take any prescribed medication as normal. This will not affect the scan.

Asking for your consent

The sonographer will ask you if you are happy for the scan to go ahead. This is called verbal consent. If you do not wish to have the scan or are undecided, please tell the sonographer. If you wish to have a chaperone present during your scan, please alert a health care professional before the scan begins.

Students/trainees may be present during the examination but only with your verbal consent.

Please remember that you can ask the sonographer any questions you have at any time before, during or after your scan.

Will the scan be painful?

Ultrasound is a safe and painless procedure. Your child may become agitated during the scan but will not be in pain due to the scan.

What happens during the ultrasound scan?

- You will accompany your baby for the entire scan. Your child will need to be undressed from the waist down but the nappy will remain on.
- Your child will lie on their side in a soft cradle with one side of their nappy opened.
- Some warm gel will be applied to the skin over the hip.
- A small probe (camera) will be placed in contact with the gel and moved over the area.
- The sonographer will take some images and measurements.
- The gel will be wiped off and the baby will be turned onto the opposite side in order to scan the opposite hip. Once the images are taken, the child can then get dressed again.
- The number of staff present in the scanning room will be kept to a minimum during your procedure.
- The examination should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

What happens after the ultrasound exam?

Once the examination is complete you can go home. The scan will be reported by the sonographer and the report will be sent to your referring doctor or other professional who referred your child for the scan.

If a member of the DDH team in Musgrave Park Hospital has arranged the scan, they will sometimes meet you after the scan on the same day. This may be a nurse or doctor. You will be advised at the time of the scan if you need to wait or if you can go home straight away.

When will I get the ultrasound exam results?

The results will be sent to the referrer. If the ultrasound was requested by your GP, please contact them within 7-10 days of your ultrasound exam.

If the ultrasound exam was requested by a medical professional within the hospital, they *may* meet you after your child has had their scan and will tell you the results on the day.

Image sharing

Your child's images will be electronically stored on the hospital picture archiving system. This data can be accessed throughout the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and other doctors and health care professionals who are directly involved in your care. The ability to share images and radiological reports will improve the safety and quality of your care by ensuring that the right information is available in the right place at the right time.

In order to improve the medical services we provide we may also use your data as anonymously as possible for internal audit and medical education. If you would prefer that your data is not used for these purposes, please inform a member of staff when you attend for your examination.

If your data is to be used for research, then a separate consent process will be used. You will be asked for your consent, should this be the case.

Contact us

If you have any queries, we will try to answer any questions on the day of your ultrasound scan. If you need to rearrange your appointment, please contact the appointment office on 028 96158900.

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