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Ultrasound Amniocentesis

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What is an Ultrasound?

Ultrasound is an easy and noninvasive way to see internal structures of the body. It sends high-frequency sound waves through the skin and produces images of major organs. In an obstetrical examination, the baby can be observed inside the mother's uterus.

Why Should I have an Ultrasound exam?

Ultrasound is used to evaluate the pockets of amniotic fluid around the baby so your doctor is able to safely remove the fluid to test your baby's lung maturity. Direct visualization of the needle keeps the baby safe during the procedure.

You will present to the Birthplace 1 hour prior to your exam time for a non-stress test and then they will bring you to the ultrasound suite for the procedure.

Preparation:

Follow your doctor's office instructions.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY

A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING

Parking/Registration:

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10th Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10th Street and 8th Ave. SE. You will be pre-registered, so you can proceed to **Ground (G)** level and follow the signs to "Radiology (X-Ray)," also located on Ground (G) level.

Procedure Results (Who interprets the results):

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will discuss the results with you. Please allow your physician time to review these results, usually 2 business days after the exam.

Your appointment date and time:

Procedure date: _____

Procedure time: _____ (Please arrive 15 minutes early)

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