Renal (Kidney) & Bladder Ultrasound

Procedure Scheduling: (319) 398-6868

What it is:

A renal ultrasound is an easy and non-invasive procedure which provides a way to see internal structures of the body. High frequency sound waves are sent through the body and produce images of the kidneys.

Preparation: Renal ultrasound:

Drink three, 8 ounce glasses of water one hour before the exam. It is desired that you have a full bladder as we do have to take images of your bladder full and empty. Clear liquids only after midnight. If you are diabetic, you may continue to take your medications.

Preparation: Bladder ultrasound:

Drink four, 8 ounce glasses of water one hour before the exam. You must arrive with a full bladder for this test. Clear liquids only after midnight. If you are diabetic, you may continue to take your medications.

Procedure:

There is no pain involved with an ultrasound procedure. Some warm gel is applied to your skin, an ultrasound transducer is used to go over the abdomen and record the images of your kidneys and bladder. The ultrasound exam takes 30 to 40 minutes, depending on the reason for the exam.

Follow-up:

The results of the exam will be read and a report sent to your doctor.

Scheduling/Registration:

All ultrasound exams need to be scheduled by your physician’s office.

IF YOU ARE HAVING THIS PROCEDURE AT MERCY MEDICAL CENTER:
Park in the Mercy Medical Center Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 8th Street and 8th Avenue SE. You will be pre-registered, so you can proceed directly to the Radiology department. Located on Ground floor down from Emergency Department.

IF YOU ARE HAVING THIS PROCEDURE AT THE MERCY HEALTH PLAZA IMAGING CENTER: The Imaging Center is located in the NE corner of the Plaza next
to Galaxy Theatres, at 5264 Council St. NE. Park in front of the building. You will be pre-registered, so you can proceed directly to the Reception desk.

Your appointment date and time: