Ultrasound Renal (Kidney) & Bladder
To Schedule: (319) 861-7778
Questions about Procedure: (319) 398-6050

What is a Renal Ultrasound?
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:
Adult: Drink 3, 8oz. glasses of fluid 1 hour prior to your exam. Do not void. You may eat and take all of your medications.

Child (4-10): Drink 2, 8oz. glasses of fluid 1 hour prior to exam. Do not void. Child may eat and take all of their medications.

Infant (3 & under): Drink fluids, otherwise no additional prep.

Preparation: Bladder ultrasound:
Adult: Drink 4, 8oz. glasses of fluid 1 hour prior to your exam. Do not void.

Child (4-10): Drink 2, 8oz. glasses of fluid 1 hour prior to exam. Do not void.

You may eat and take all of your medications.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:
A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY
A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING

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.

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.

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 Theatre, at 5264 Council St. NE. Park in front of the building. You will be pre-registered, so you can proceed to the Reception desk.
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)