

PELVIC & 1ST TRIMESTER PREGNANCY ULTRASOUND

Transabdominal Approach

- You need to have a full bladder for this exam.
- The ultrasound transducer and gel are placed on the lower abdomen.
- The uterus, ovaries, and adjacent areas are imaged through your full bladder.
- If more information is needed, a transvaginal ultrasound may need to be done.

Transvaginal Approach

- Also called endovaginal ultrasound.
- This test is used to evaluate any pelvic structures not seen well on the transabdominal ultrasound, especially those that may be the source of any abnormal bleeding or pelvic pain.
- Transvaginal ultrasound is also used during early pregnancy to identify normal, abnormal, or ectopic pregnancy, as well as any abnormalities of the pelvic structures not seen well on the transabdominal ultrasound.
- You will be asked to empty your bladder for this exam.
- The ultrasound transducer, a long probe, covered with a protective cover and lubricant, is inserted into the vagina.
- The ultrasound technologist will image the pelvic structures by moving the probe within the vagina.
- They may be mild discomfort from the pressure of the vaginal probe.
- Your technologist can answer any additional questions you may have regarding this procedure.



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