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Abdominal Ultrasound Prep Instructions

Test Date:	Time:	Follow – up:	Time:
How to prepare:			
 FAST for eight 	hours before an abdomina	ultrasound.	
 Food and liqui 	ds in your stomach (and uri	ne in your bladder) can make it o	difficult for the technician to get a
clear picture c	of the structures in your abd	omen.	
It is ok to have	e a small amount of water a	nd continue taking regularly pres	scribed medications
Before the procedure:			
Before the abdominal	ultrasound, you may be ask	ed to change into a gown and to	remove any jewelry. You'll be asked
to lie on your back on a	an examination table. The U	ltrasound Tech will provide deta	iled instructions at the time of the
exam			
During the procedure			
A trained technician (so	onographer) performs the a	bdominal ultrasound. The techn	ician applies a small amount of warm
gel to your abdomen. 1	he gel works with the ultra	sound device, called a transduce	r, to provide better images. The
sonographer gently pre	esses the transducer against	your stomach area, moving it b	ack and forth. The device sends signals
to a computer, which o	reates images that show ho	w blood flows through the struc	tures in your abdomen. A typical
ultrasound exam takes	about 30 minutes to compl	ete. It's usually painless.	
After the procedure			
You should be able to r	eturn to normal activities in	mmediately after an abdominal ι	ıltrasound.
Risks			
Abdominal ultrasound	is a safe procedure that use	s low-power sound waves. There	e are no known risks.
Results			
After an abdominal ult	rasound, your doctor will di	scuss the results with you at a la	ter time.
Print Name:		/_/	DOB:
Patient Signature:			Date: