PATIENT INSTRUCTION
RADIOLOGY

Abdominal ultrasound examination - children

Your child has received a request for an abdominal ultrasound examination. The treating unit will inform you of the examination location and how to book an appointment.

Examination takes approximately 20 min. The radiology department also examines emergency patients, which may cause changes to the schedule. Please reserve 60 minutes for the examination.

A child patient should be accompanied by one or two guardians.

Preparation for examination
- Children younger than 2 years may eat normally.
- Children older than 2 years should abstain from eating for 3–4 hours.
- Drinking water or juice in a normal manner is allowed.
- The bladder should not be emptied before the examination.

Examination
An ultrasound examination is painless and does not cause exposure to radiation. Your child will be placed lying down on his or her back on the examination table with the abdominal area exposed. The radiologist spreads some warm gel on the abdominal area and examines it with an ultrasound transducer.

After the examination
An ultrasound examination does not require any post treatment.

The results of the examination will be delivered to the unit treating your child. If you do not have an appointment or phone consultation time booked, please contact the treating unit.

Other things to note
Please take your child’s health insurance card (Kela card) or identity card with you.

These instructions are on the HUS website: www.hus-imaging.fi > Examinations > Ultrasound

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