Ultrasound examination or procedure of the neck area

Your doctor has referred you for an ultrasound examination. The treating unit will inform you of the time and place of the examination.

The actual examination takes approximately 20–30 minutes. The radiology department also examines emergency patients, which may cause changes to the schedule. Please reserve 60 minutes for the examination.

**Preparation for examination**

**Examination**
- No preparations are needed.

**Procedure of the thyroid gland**
- If you use anticoagulants, please go to the laboratory on the procedure day before the procedure as instructed by the unit responsible for your care.

**Examination**

An ultrasound examination is painless and does not cause exposure to radiation. During the examination, you will lie on the examination table, the area to be examined will be spread with gel.

If necessary, a needle aspirate sample can be collected or a fluid cavity drained in connection with an ultrasound examination.

**After the examination**

**Examination**
- Does not require any post treatment.

**Procedure**
- After the procedure, the puncture location should be kept dry for a day.

The doctor in charge of your care will inform you of the results of the examination. If you have not already been booked for an appointment or for a phone consultation, please contact the unit treating you in order to obtain the results.

**Other things to note**

Please take your health insurance card (Kela card) or identity card with you.

A separate fee will be charged for missed examinations which have not been cancelled beforehand.

These instructions are on the HUS website: [www.hus-imaging.fi > Examinations > Ultrasound](http://www.hus-imaging.fi)