

## Ultrasound examination or procedure of the neck area

You have been referred for an ultrasound examination.

Sometimes a procedure is performed at the ultrasound appointment, for example, to take a tissue sample or to drain a cyst.

Please reserve one hour for your visit. The examination usually takes 20-30 minutes.

Patients who need urgent examinations may be examined before you.

Please see the arrival instructions or appointment letter for contact information, if you have any questions about the examination.

### Before the examination

- You may eat and drink as usual before the examination.
- It is best to leave any necklaces at home.

If your referral contains a procedure and **you are on blood-thinning medication**, your referring physician will provide

- instructions for taking your medication, and
- a referral for a laboratory test. Please visit the laboratory on the day of the examination or the previous weekday before your ultrasound

### During the examination

An ultrasound examination is painless. No radiation will be used.

You will be lying down for the examination and you will need to remove clothes from the area to be examined.

A radiologist or a radiographer will spread gel on the area to be examined and move the ultrasound probe on your skin.

If a cyst or some other change is discovered in the neck, the radiologist can drain the cyst or take a sample of the change.

The sample will be sent to the laboratory to be analyzed.

### After the examination

- You will receive the results of the examination from the doctor who treats you.
- If you do not know how to find out the results, please contact the outpatient clinic or ward that referred you to this examination.
- If a procedure was performed, keep the injection site dry for 24 hours.

## Patient Instruction

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### Other things to note

- Please take your Kela-card or identification with you.
- You will not be charged for the examination separately.

- Cancel the appointment if you cannot come. If you do not cancel, you will be charged a fine.

### Further information

Watch video of examinations:

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