

Ultrasound examination or procedure of the chest area

You have been referred for an ultrasound examination.

Please reserve 2 hours 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.

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.

During the examination

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

You will be sitting or 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 change is discovered in the examined area, or if you have been referred for a procedure, the radiologist takes a needle biopsy of the change or drains liquid from the pleura. The radiologist will anesthetize the injection site before the procedure.

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, and you are not staying in the hospital as an inpatient,

- a lung X-ray will be taken if needed one (1) hour after the procedure,
- you are not allowed to drive a vehicle on the procedure day, and
- you must keep the injection site dry for 24 hours.

Other things to note

- You will not be charged for the examination or procedure 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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