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## Department - Ultrasound

**Telephone:**

01223 217 621

**Visiting times:**

Monday to Friday 09:00 – 16:00

For many women, ultrasound scans are the highlight of pregnancy. It's very exciting and moving to 'see' your baby in the womb, often moving his or her hands and legs. The sonographer will ask you to lie on your back and she or he will put some lubricating gel on your abdomen. A small device is then passed backwards and forwards over your skin, and high-frequency sound is beamed through your abdomen into the womb. The sound is reflected back and creates a picture, which is shown on a TV screen. The scans are completely painless and have no known side effects on mothers or babies.

Your partner is welcome to join you in the scan room, but as the scan is an important clinical investigation which requires maximum concentration, we would suggest that you please make arrangements for childcare. We would also appreciate it if you/your partner do not bring food and/or drink into the scan room.

You do not need a full bladder for any of our scans.

If you want to find out the sex of your baby, you can usually do so during the detailed anomaly scan. Tell the sonographer that you'd like to know your baby's sex at the start of the scan. Be aware though, that it's not always possible for the sonographer to be 100% certain about your baby's sex. For example, if your baby is lying in an awkward position, it may be difficult or impossible to tell whether your baby is male or female.

Your scan is an important medical examination and it is essential that our sonographers are allowed to concentrate fully without the distraction of filming. Therefore the use of mobile phone cameras, videos and other photographic equipment is not allowed during your ultrasound scan.

If you would like to keep a copy of your scan images, we are able to sell you pictures:

- £6 - one picture
- £12 - three pictures
- £15 - four pictures
- £20 - six pictures

Please ensure you bring the correct money as we are unable to provide change.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

## **Finding us:**

The ultrasound department is on the ground floor of the Rosie hospital, next to clinic 24 and opposite clinic 21; Rosie outpatients. Head straight through the Rosie reception area, past the Pavilion cafe and follow the signs to the ultrasound department, which is on the left.

## **Disabled Go accessibility information**