

INGUINAL ULTRASOUND

What is it?

An ultrasound examination of the groin, usually performed to look for hernias.

What exactly happens during the examination?

When you arrive in the Department, a radiographer, helper or nurse will take you to a cubicle to get you changed into a gown. You will then be taken to the examination room, where the procedure will be explained to you.

The procedure is performed by a consultant radiologist (doctor). The ultrasound probe is coated with a clear gel (this dries rapidly and does not stain), which is then placed over the groin. You will be asked to cough to see if this induces any hernia, and you may also be examined standing up.

Does the procedure hurt?

No, you should experience no discomfort from this examination.

How long will it take?

About 10 minutes.

When will I get the results?

You may discuss the findings with the radiologist at the end of the procedure. The radiologist will also send the films and report to your doctor.

Aftercare?

None.

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