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Your appointment is scheduled for: Date_____Time_____

Type of exam_____Ordering physician_____

Diagnosis_____

Copy of report sent to_____

Thank you for choosing Chattanooga Imaging. The following information will assist you in understanding your diagnostic procedure.

BREAST ULTRASOUND

What Is Breast Ultrasound?

Ultrasound creates images of the inside of the breast using high-frequency sound waves and a computer. Breast ultrasound is sometimes used to evaluate breast abnormalities that are found during a screening or diagnostic mammogram, or a physical exam. Breast ultrasound is not routinely used for screening. Ultrasound is useful for evaluation of some breast masses, and is the only way to tell if a cyst is present without placing a needle into it to aspirate fluid. Cysts cannot be accurately diagnosed on physical exam alone. Breast ultrasound may also be used to help physicians precisely guide a biopsy needle into some breast lesions.

What To Expect

You will be asked to undress above the waist, to remove all jewelry from around your neck, and to put on a gown. A technologist will spread a gel on your breast to improve the transmission of the sound waves. The transducer will be pressed against your breast and moved back and forth over it. A picture of the breast tissue will be visible on a video monitor. During the ultrasound exam you will feel light pressure from the transducer as it passes over your breast, but you should feel no discomfort unless your breast is tender because of fibrocystic breast changes, an abscess, or other infection. A breast ultrasound usually takes between 15 and 30 minutes. After the radiologist reviews your scan, a report will be sent to your physician.

Patient Preparation

No special preparation is required for this exam; however, we suggest that you wear a two-piece outfit to make it easy to undress above the waist.

If you have any questions about your breast ultrasound, please call us.

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