

## U/S (Ultrasound) Appointment Scheduling Information for Adult Patients

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MRN: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of U/S: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of scan: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Duration of scan: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of U/S: \_\_\_\_\_  without sedation (no medication needed for scan – see below)  
 with oral sedation (applies to medication given by mouth – see below)

Location of U/S Appointment:  Main Hospital, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Clinical Science Building (see directions page 2)  
 Ashley River Tower (ART) 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**If no proof of Insurance is present, a visit deposit will be required in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Note:** To allow for the completion of necessary information before your scan, please plan to arrive in the reception area at the arrival time above. For questions about your U/S appointment, please contact our office at 843-792-9729. This time has been reserved for you. If you need to reschedule or cancel this appointment, kindly give us 24 hours notice.

### A Checklist for Ultrasound Patients

Our goal, in Radiology services, is to provide you with the best possible information in order to prepare you for your scheduled Ultrasound scan. Please read the following information carefully and contact our office with any questions.

Upon arrival for appointment, please proceed to Central Registration in the Main Hospital. Take the “D” elevator to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. After exiting elevator, take 2 quick rights and go through the glass doors on the left.

If you do not require sedation for your Ultrasound scan, the “arrival time” stated above should be **20 minutes prior** to your “time of scan.” It is important that you arrive early to allow our staff to complete necessary information before your Ultrasound scan. Please be prepared to wait or reschedule your Ultrasound scan **if you are late**.

If you do require sedation for your Ultrasound scan, the “arrival time” stated above should be **1 hour prior** to your “time of scan” and you will need to **bring a driver**. Sedation will not be provided if you do not have a driver with you at arrival.

Ultrasound exams take 20 minutes to 1 hour to complete depending on the type of exam. You will be asked to remain still on a flat table during the scan. Our technologist will make sure you are comfortable during the scan. Please notify your doctor immediately if you feel this may be difficult for you.

Depending on the type of Ultrasound Scan, you may be required to follow instructions for a pre-procedure prep for your scan. This may require being NPO (nothing by mouth) after midnight the night before your exam.

Depending on the type of Ultrasound Scan, you may be required to have a full bladder. This would require you to drink water or fluids prior to having your exam. It takes approximately 32 ounces of water to fill your bladder for an Ultrasound Scan.

Please bring a list of medication for just in case.

## Where is my appointment and how do I get there?

### □ **Main Hospital, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Main Hospital, Clinical Science Building**

(Traveling from Jonathan Lucas Parking garage and G-Lot)

- Enter Main Hospital from Jonathan Lucas Street ramp. There is an information desk at the entrance to the Main Hospital.
- Inside the building, elevator D is down the hall at the end. Take this elevator D to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Radiology Centralized Registration.

(Traveling from the Ashley-Rutledge Garage)

- Take the garage elevator to the second floor Rutledge Tower Connector and follow coordinator to Children's Hospital.
- Turn right at the end of the Rutledge Tower Connector and follow signs to elevator D. Take elevator to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and go to Radiology Centralized Registration.

### □ **Ashley River Tower (ART)**

- Valet parking is available as well as handicap underneath Ashley River Tower.
- From the front entrance or via the crosswalk on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from the Courtenay Drive Garage that enters onto the Mezzanine floor.
- Got to Centralized Registration on 1<sup>st</sup> floor and then report to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for Radiology services check-in.

**A Note to Patients Regarding Parking:** For your convenience, informed staff is located at all of our main entrances. Our staff is eager to help you in reaching your destination in a timely manner. Please note, our facility is large and often a significant amount of walking is required to reach your appointment location. Handicap parking is available in all patient parking garages as well as the G-Lot and Rutledge Tower surface lot. Should you require assistance in moving throughout our campus, please request help at the information desk located at each main entrance or contact 843-876-0411.

## Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

1. **What is an Ultrasound Scan and how does it work?** U/S (Ultrasound) is advanced technology that helps detect conditions that regular X-ray studies cannot show. The Ultrasound Scan also helps check progress during or after treatment. The Ultrasound images are achieved by using soundwaves to scan the body. The computer uses readings taken from those soundwaves to make an image on a screen.
2. **Is an U/S (Ultrasound) scan safe for me?** Ultrasound is safe and does not use radiation to acquire images of the body. The key to having an Ultrasound is holding very still – like a statue. You will be positioned on a flat table for, up to, 1 hour for this scan. Our technologist will make sure you are comfortable during the scan. Please notify your doctor immediately if you feel this scan may be difficult for you.
3. **How should patients prepare for an Ultrasound scan?** Most patients will stick to their normal routine for diet, medications, work, school or sports. If you are having an abdominal scan, do not eat or drink anything for 4 -6 hours prior to the Ultrasound. Remember to allow enough time to travel to our facility, park and travel to your appointment location by the “arrival time” stated on page 1.
4. **Can children have an Ultrasound scan?** Yes, Ultrasound services are available to children. These Ultrasound scans are scheduled in our Main Hospital Location on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and can be scheduled the same as an adult. Patients and their guardian(s) will be provided with all necessary information prior to scheduling the Ultrasound scan.