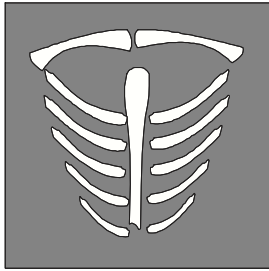
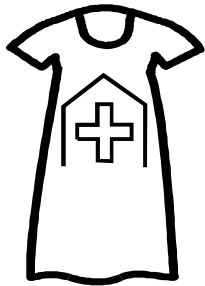




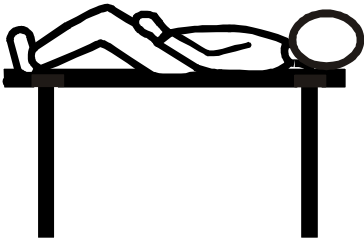
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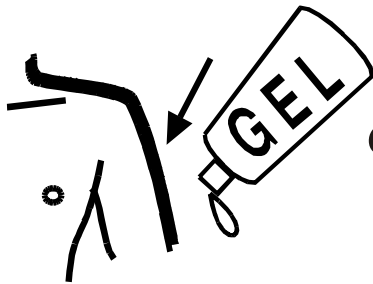
A machine will take pictures of the inside of your body.



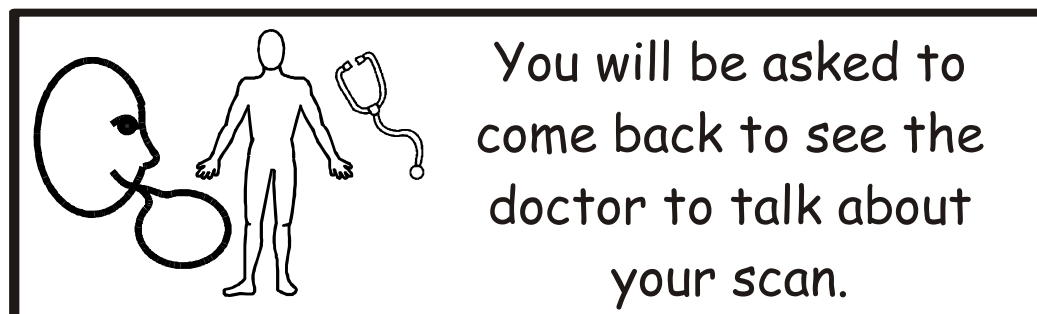
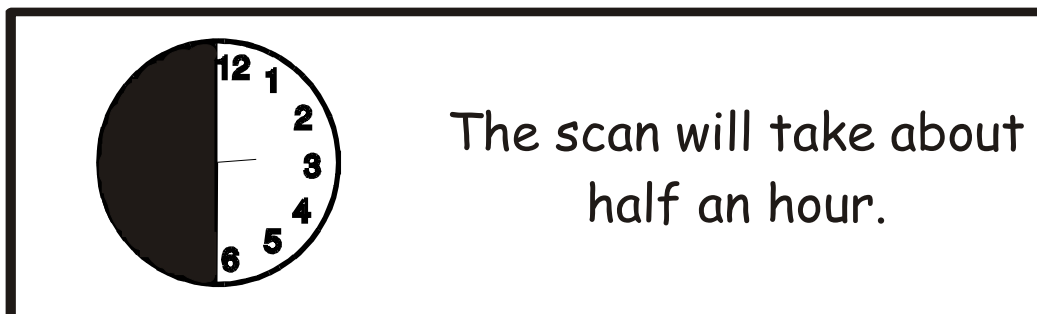
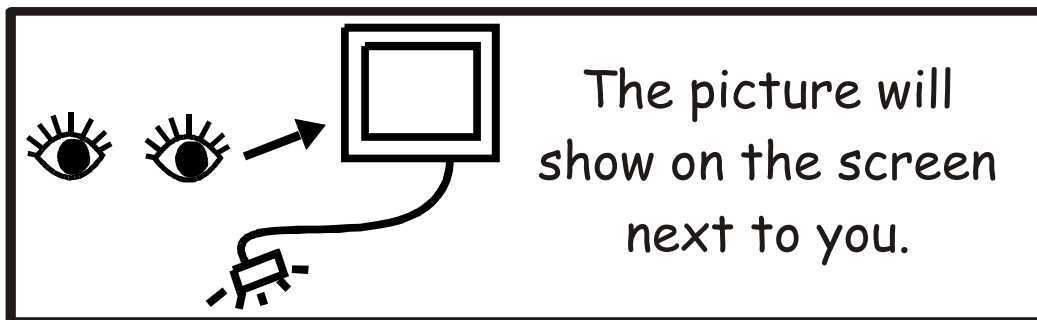
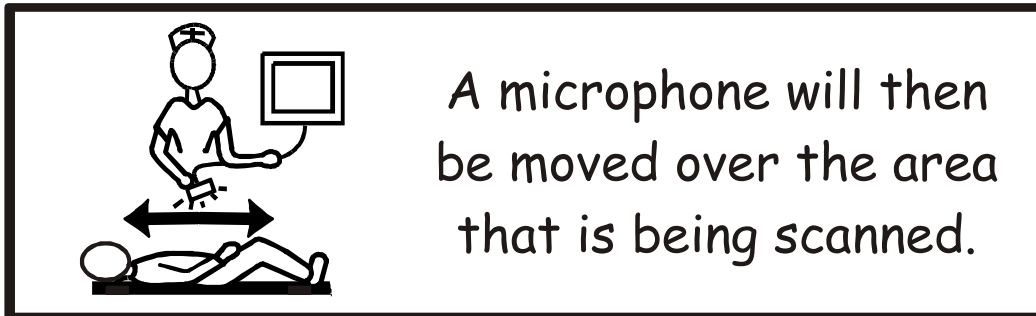
You may have to put on a hospital gown.

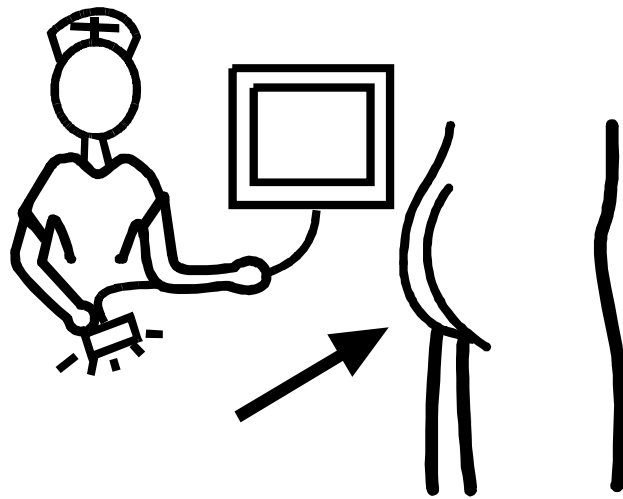


You will be asked to lie on a bed.

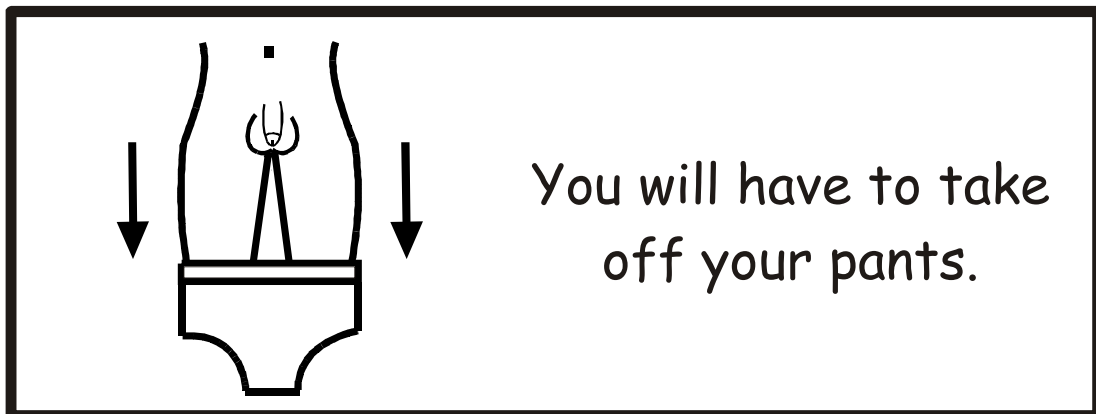
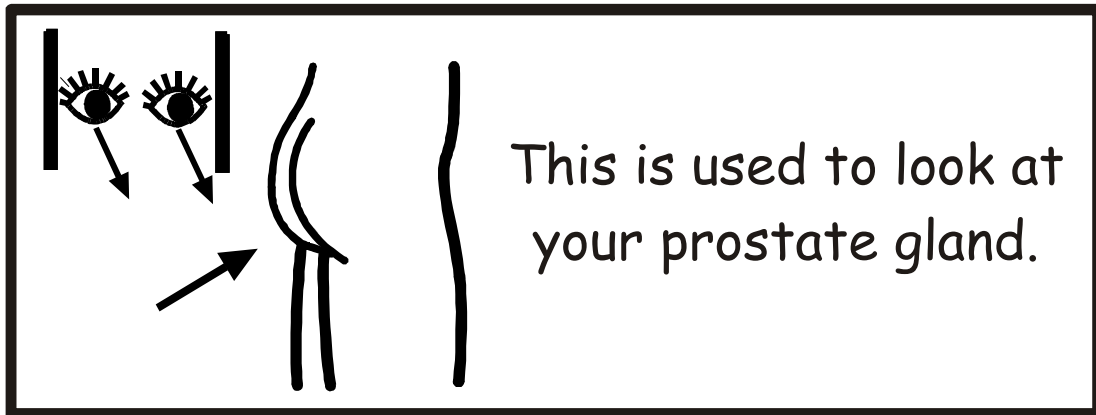
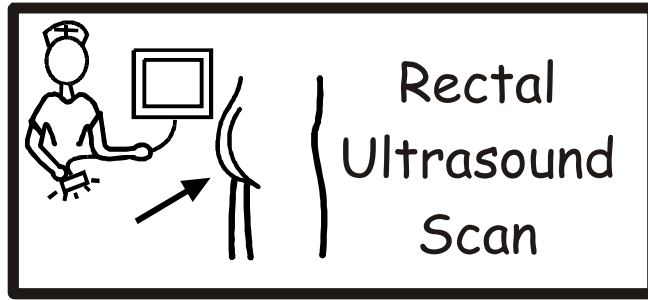


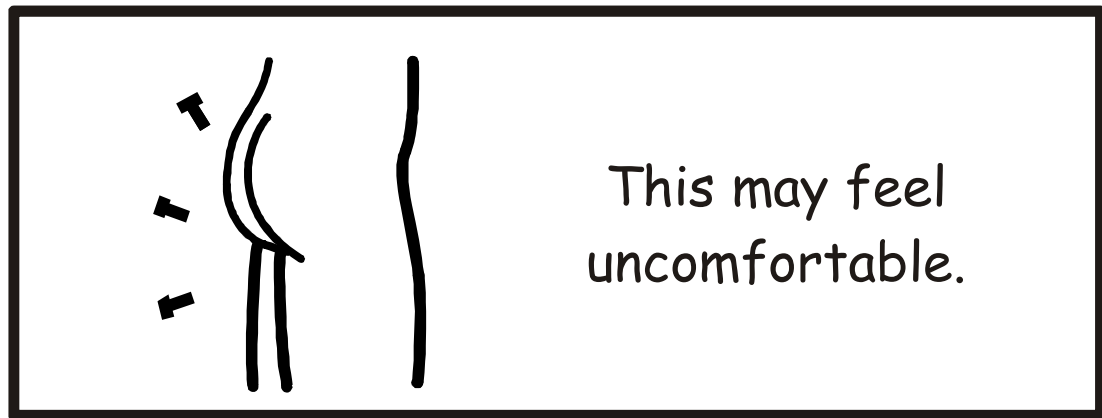
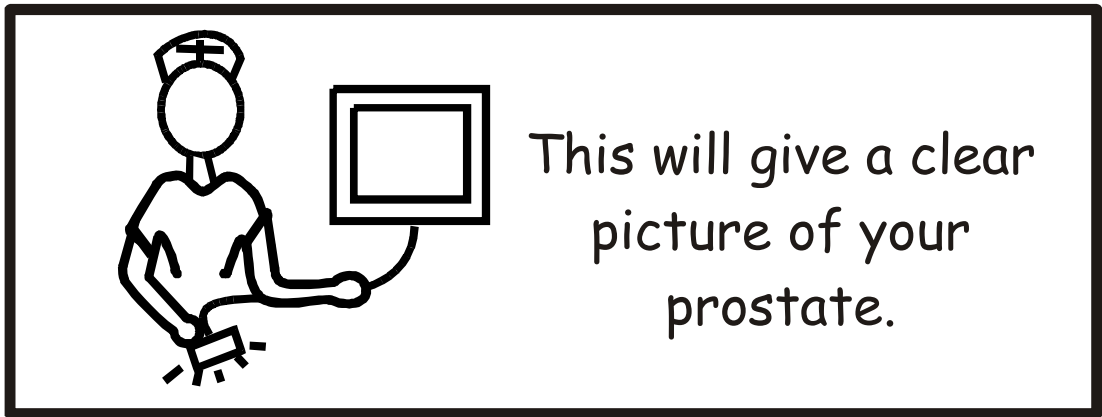
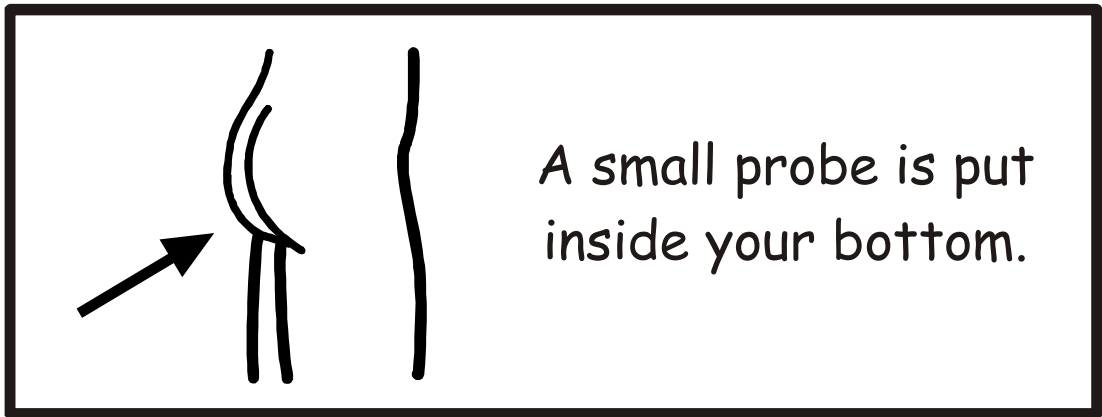
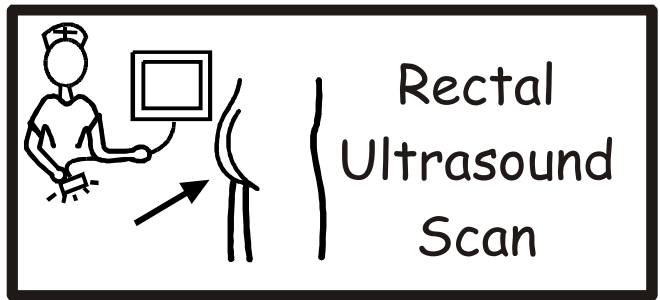
A clear gel will be put onto your skin where you are going to be scanned.

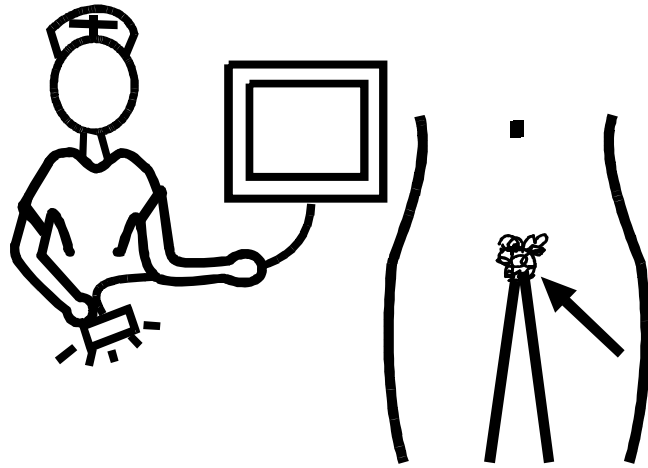




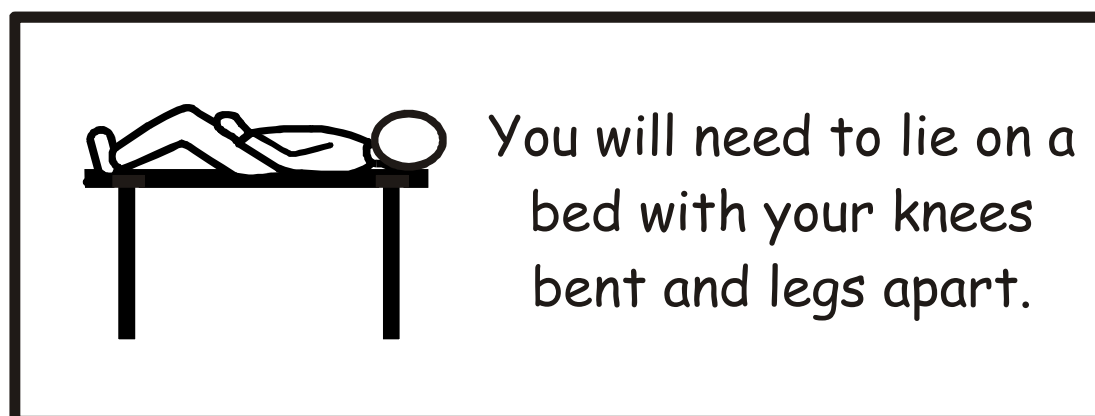
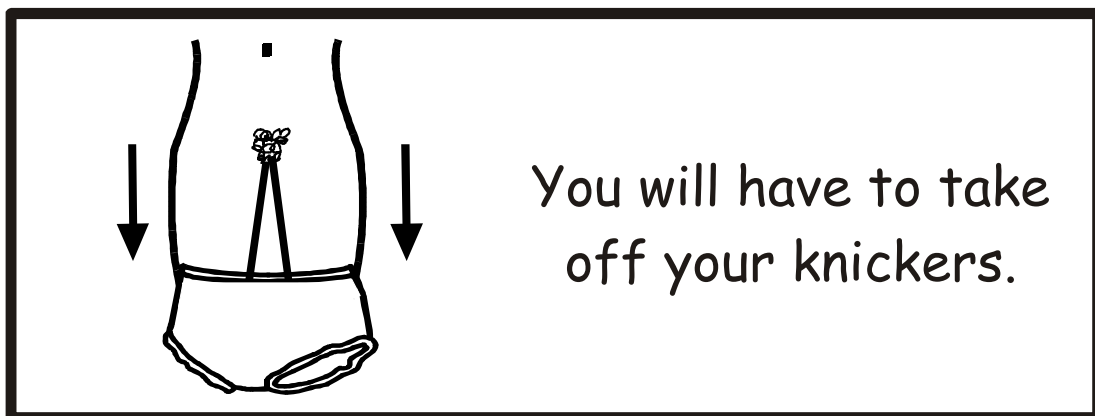
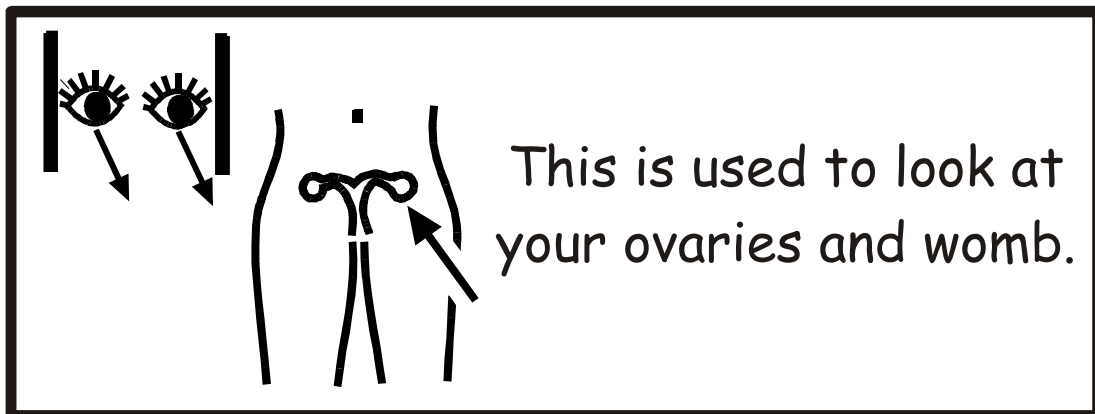
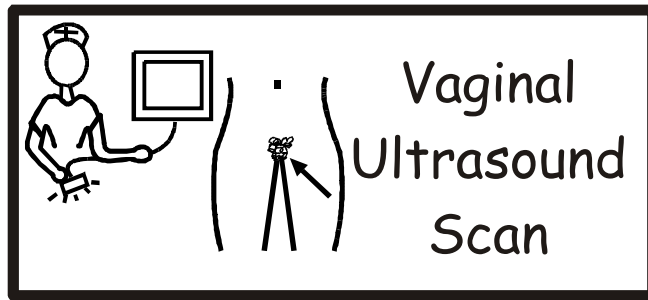
Rectal
Ultrasound Scan

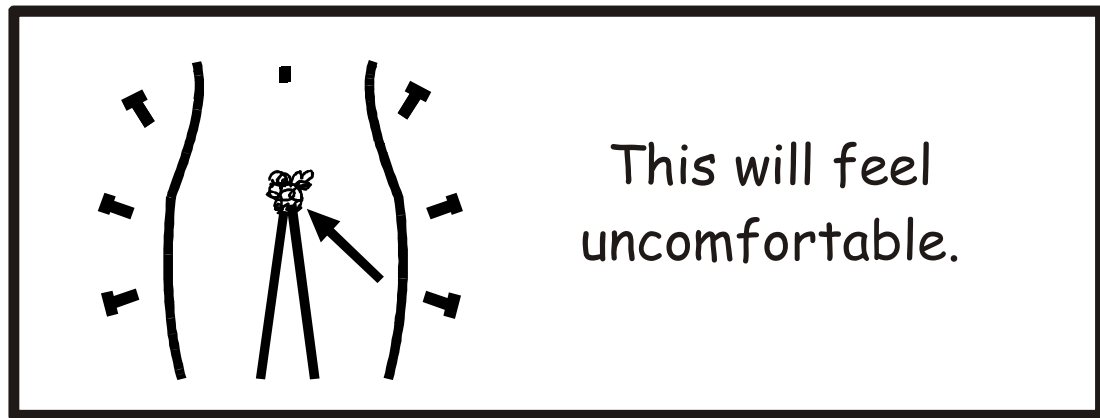
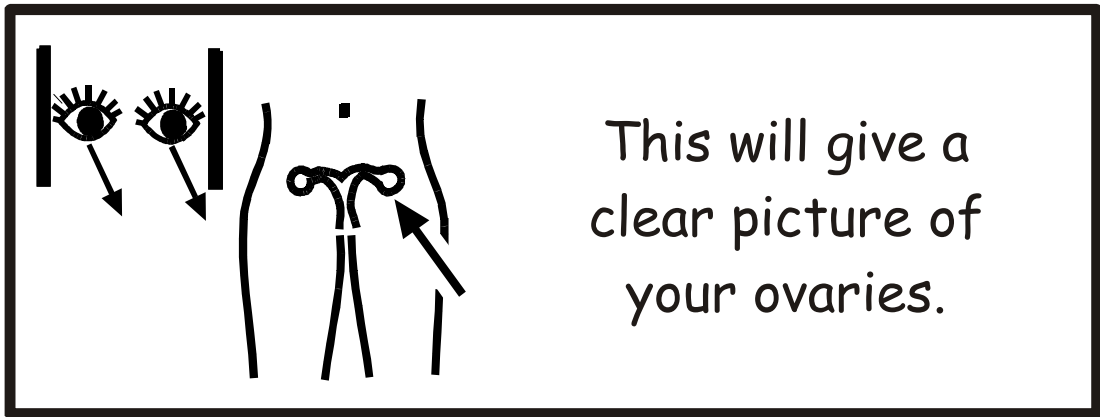
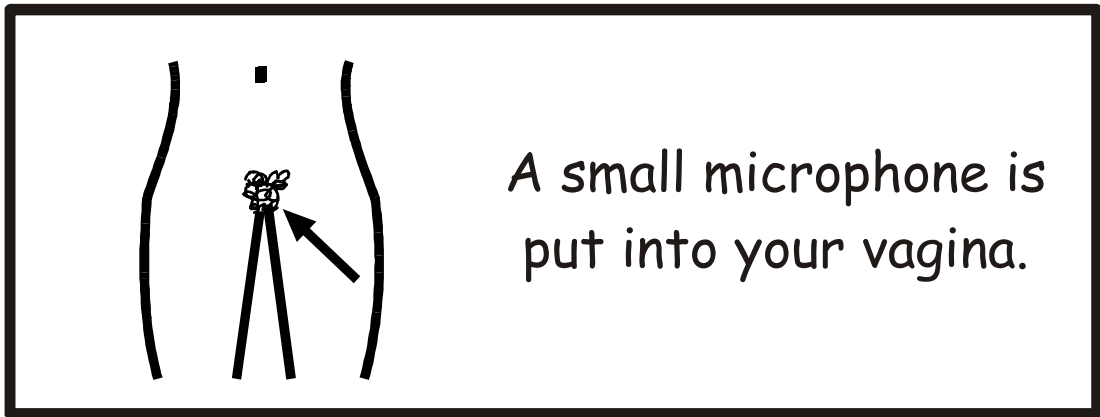
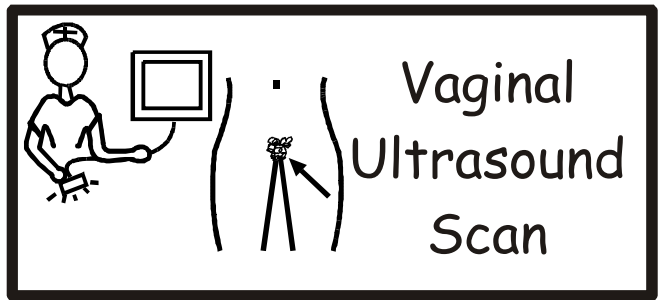






Vaginal
Ultrasound Scan





Ultrasound Guidance Notes for Health Professionals

What is an Ultrasound scan?

Ultrasound scans use sound waves to build up a picture of the inside of the body. They are painless although some scans may feel uncomfortable.

What will happen?

The patient may be asked to remove their outer clothes and put on a hospital gown. This depends on what part of the body is going to be scanned. A clear gel will be spread on the patient's skin over the site that is going to be scanned. The picture will appear on a screen next to the patient.

How long do they take?

A scan will usually last about half an hour.

Different types of Ultrasound Scan

Sometimes doctors need to put the ultrasound probe inside the body to get a clearer picture of the inside of the body.

- **Rectal ultrasound**

If the patient's prostate needs to be examined they may need to have a rectal ultrasound. They will need to empty their bowels before the scan is done. A small probe is inserted into the back passage to get a clear picture of the prostate. This may feel uncomfortable but should not hurt.

- **Vaginal ultrasound**

This may be used to look at the ovaries or the womb. The patient will have to lie on a bed with their knees bent (similar to a cervical smear test). A small probe is inserted into the vagina to get a clear picture of the ovaries and womb. This may feel uncomfortable but should not hurt.

The results

It may take a couple of weeks for the results to come through. If the patient has not heard within a couple of weeks they should contact their GP to see what is happening.

