Transplant Kidney Ultrasound

Your doctor has ordered this test to assess the health of your transplant kidney. This test uses sound waves to get pictures of the transplant kidney, the kidney’s blood flow, and your bladder.

To prepare for the test

- Drink 32 ounces of water 1 to 2 hours before the test and then DO NOT go to the bathroom. The water in the bladder is important to be able to get a good measurement.
- After the technologist has taken measurement pictures, you will be asked to use the bathroom to empty your bladder. More pictures will be taken of your bladder when it is empty.

Day of the test

- Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time unless you have been asked to arrive earlier.
- When you arrive, you will be asked to fill out a form for your insurance and billing information. Remember to bring a picture ID and your insurance card(s) with you.

During the test

- The test will take about 30 minutes.
- The technologist will ask you to pull your shirt up to chest level and tuck towels into your clothing.
- Warm gel will be placed on your skin and the ultrasound transducer will be used to take pictures. It is a type of hand held wand that the technologist will slowly roll across the area.

After your test

Your ultrasound will be read by a radiologist, a doctor that specializes in radiology, and the results will be sent to your doctor.

If you need to change your appointment or have questions, please call Radiology Scheduling at 614-293-4333.

Talk to your doctor or health care team if you have any questions about your care.

For more health information, contact the Library for Health Information at 614-293-3707 or e-mail health-info@osu.edu.

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