

## Children

In an attempt to prevent the spread of infection, the trust requests that only necessary members of the public visit the hospital.

For this reason we ask you not to bring siblings if at all possible. We appreciate that at times this may be difficult. Therefore, you may wish to bring another adult with you to supervise any siblings in the waiting area whilst you are examined and the results are discussed.

If you do need to bring another child please understand the need for quiet during the examination to allow effective examination and communication

## Personal choices

As a teaching hospital, we often have Ultrasound trainees and medical staff undergoing training. If a student is present we will ask your permission to perform the scan. You have the right to decline. This will not affect your care in any way.

## Contact us

If you have any queries about your appointment please ring the call centre on ☎ (01803) 656326 or Womens Health Unit antenatal reception 654612.



# Ultrasound videoing and image policy



This leaflet will explain the local policy on image purchase and videoing an ultrasound examination.

We know you would like a picture of your baby and during your routine screening scan this is possible up to 23+6 weeks pregnancy only.

### **How much is a picture and how do I pay?**

Each image is £4 which requires you to insert the correct change into the stamp vending machine at reception in Womens health unit level 4 or Newton Abbot Imaging department. Please take the stamps to the sonographer when you enter the room they will give you the image during the examination.

Alternatively if you wish to pay with credit card please go to level 2 outpatients cashiers office where they will give you a receipt to take along to your scan.

### **What is an ultrasound scan?**

This is a detailed examination of the baby and your internal organs which uses sound waves to build up a picture of your body on a television screen. It is a safe and painless

procedure to look for any problems with the baby or your internal organs.

### **When can I have a picture of my scan?**

Unfortunately we are unable to offer pictures for scans later than 23+6 weeks and at any growth scan appointments.

We also **do not** offer images during abdominal or gynaecological examinations.

We only offer images of your baby when you are early pregnant (6-14 weeks) and at the 18-20+6 week routine scan.

If you attend the Early Pregnancy Unit emergency clinic and you want a picture please ask the Advanced practitioner who will give this to you via the specialist nurse who will see you at this visit. We prefer you not to hold images whilst waiting in the sensitive waiting area as courtesy to other less fortunate parents.

When you attend your Dating scan at 12 weeks we can take pictures for you then.

We can also take pictures for you at the Anomaly screening scan at 18-20+6 weeks.

If you require a rescan to complete the screening scan we can offer you more pictures. You will need to pay if you don't have a receipt stamp.

### **Can I record by video my scan?**

We do not allow any recording of this medical examination and your mobile phone or recorder must be switched off prior to entering the scan room.

You will be reminded to turn them off if the advanced practitioner sees you with a phone.

A detailed Ultrasound examination is time consuming, requires great concentration and any disturbances will reduce the effective diagnosis of abnormality and precise communication with you during the scan.

We respectfully ask that you are mindful of this fact and that the Advanced practitioner and/or trainee will need your compliance to give you as much attention as possible during your examination.