



MSK Ultrasound

At Canberra Specialist Ultrasound we are passionate about delivering the very best ultrasound imaging service for the benefit of all our patients. We bring together a nationally and internationally renowned team of highly experienced doctors and medical imaging professionals from across the country into a caring and dedicated environment.

Introduction

Your doctor has requested that you have an ultrasound of a joint, muscle, tendon, ligament, nerve or lump. This examination will provide valuable information that will assist your doctor in managing your medical condition.

Ultrasound uses high frequency sound waves to produce images without adverse side effects and free of radiation.

Doctors increasingly rely on ultrasound to examine the musculoskeletal system as it uniquely combines high resolution imaging with the ability to view structures in real time during patient movement.

At Canberra Specialist Ultrasound we believe musculoskeletal ultrasound must be clinically relevant and every effort is made to tailor the examination to your particular symptoms. You will be asked to identify the area and nature of your complaint as well as any movements, which provoke symptoms. Our specialist imaging staff use this information to maximise the diagnostic value of the examination.

Preparation

No special preparation is required.

Any medication you normally take should be continued.

What happens during the scan?

You may be asked to change into a patient gown.

Warm gel is applied to the area being examined and a small hand held probe is moved over the area to produce real time images. Pressure may occasionally be applied with the probe.

You may be scanned in a variety of positions to produce optimum images and may be asked to perform a variety of movements, which allow us to observe the normal movement of your joints, muscles and tendons.

A musculoskeletal examination will take approximately 20 minutes, although the exact time may vary depending on the information being sought.

What about the results?

An Accredited Medical Sonographer conducts the ultrasound in close collaboration with a medical specialist Sonologist who will also produce the final report for your doctor.