



Scrotum 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 your scrotum. 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 or pain and free of radiation. Ultrasound is the 'gold standard' imaging test for investigation of the scrotum and hence it is a very common examination. It is used in children and adults to assess a range of conditions including pain, swelling, lumps, undescended testes and male fertility assessment.

The examination is comprehensive and will examine the testicles, epididymis, spermatic cord and a variety of other structures.

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.

Preparation

No special preparation is required.

Any medication you normally take should be continued.

What happens during the scan?

You will be asked to change into a gown and lie down on an ultrasound examination bed.

In a private examination room the sonographer will begin by discussing your clinical symptoms and relevant medical history with you. At Canberra Specialist Ultrasound we combine knowledge of your clinical history with our high quality imaging to maximize the diagnostic value of each examination. It is important that you communicate any lumps, areas of pain or concern to the sonographer so they can tailor the examination to your symptoms.

Warm gel is applied to the scrotum and a small hand held probe is used to produce real time images of both testicles and associated structures.

A scrotum examination will take approximately 15 minutes, although the exact time may vary depending on the information being sought.

It is common for selected areas to be measured and documented for review this is not a cause for alarm.