



Thyroid 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 thyroid, which is a small gland located in the front of your neck. 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. Ultrasound is used to assess a range of thyroid conditions including neck swelling, lumps, swallowing difficulties or as part of an investigation into abnormal thyroid function.

It is also commonly used to compliment other scan findings and to guide needle biopsies of selected areas.

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.

The Sonologist may discuss the examination findings with you prior to your departure.

Preparation

No special preparation is required.

Any medication you normally take should be continued.

What happens during the scan?

You will be asked to 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 maximise 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 neck and a small hand held probe is used to produce real time images.

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