

We are honoured to be part of this exciting experience with you. We hope this handout provides clarity and helps answer some questions regarding your ultrasound appointment. Our goal is to ensure you feel comfortable and have a positive experience.

CAN MY PARTNER/COMPANION ACCOMPANY ME DURING THE ULTRASOUND?



The sonographer will call you from the waiting area and confirm if there is someone accompanying you, and if you would like them to join you in the examination room.

Your companion will be called into the room by the sonographer **once the technical portion of the exam is completed**. At this point, both of you will be able to view the baby together.

WILL I GET TO SEE MY BABY DURING THE ULTRASOUND?



As a means of ensuring optimal patient care for you and your baby, the sonographer completing your procedure has a specific protocol of images they need to capture during your exam in order for the team to provide you with the best medical care. For this reason, medical images **cannot** be viewed **during** the examination.

Please do not interrupt the technologist during the exam as they need 100% concentration to take the best images for you and your baby.

If you **do not** wish to view any images, please let the sonographer know **before** your exam begins.

All studies require evaluation by our radiologists to determine the results of the exam and the well-being of your baby.

Unfortunately, our technologists are not permitted to disclose any information regarding the exam, nor any images, as per the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's practice standards.

Some studies may require our radiologist to review and assess your images prior to the sonographer's ability to share images. In such instances, our radiologist will review the images first and may contact you while you remain in the clinic.

Please note: An image from your exam does not confirm the well-being of your baby. You will need to connect with your referring healthcare provider's office for the final report.



“Staff were friendly, polite and professional. Had a great experience with the technician who performed my obstetrical ultrasound. She took the time to make sure I understood what was happening, and made every effort to ensure my comfort throughout the scan.” – Patient

WILL I BE ABLE TO FIND OUT IF MY BABY IS A BOY OR A GIRL (18+ WEEKS)?



If you would like to know the gender of your baby at the time of your ultrasound, you will need to provide verbal consent to the sonographer before your ultrasound begins. This ensures that you understand the sonographer is giving you their **impression only**. The images will be reviewed by the radiologist and confirmed in the final report sent to your referring healthcare provider.

At this stage, we may be able to provide a small viewing session, if appropriate and time permitting, for you and your companion to view your baby. As mentioned, this will be done at the end of the exam.

WILL I GET A PHOTO TO TAKE HOME?



If you wish to capture this experience using your phone at the end of the exam, please provide your technologist the opportunity to step out of the frame. Photos and/or videos of our staff members is **not permitted** at any time.