

# Scrotal/Testicular Ultrasound



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## What is a Scrotal/Testicular Ultrasound?

Ultrasound imaging or sonography uses sound waves to produce pictures of the inside of the body. Ultrasound exams do not use radiation. Ultrasound images are captured in real-time so they can show the structure and movement of the body's internal organs, as well as blood flowing through blood vessels.

## CPT Code

76870

## Indications

palpable mass, pain, injury

## Contraindications

none

## How Does Your Patient Prepare?

Your patient should wear comfortable clothing.

## What Happens During the Test?

Your patient may be asked to remove clothing from the waist down and will be covered with a sheet. He will be scanned lying face-up on the examination table. A clear gel is applied to the scrotum.

The sonographer (ultrasound technologist) or radiologist presses the transducer against the skin and sweeps it back and forth over the entire area. The transducer is a small hand-held device that resembles a microphone, attached to an ultrasound machine by a cord. The ultrasound image is available to the technologist. Most ultrasound imaging is fast, easy and painless.

The test takes approximately 30 minutes to complete

## **After the Test**

After the exam the gel is wiped off. Your patient may resume normal activities.

## **The Results**

A radiologist will analyze the images and send a signed report to the referring physician within 1 business day.

(Information adapted from [www.radiologyinfo.org](http://www.radiologyinfo.org) and Dr. Jill Westercamp)

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