

OB Ultrasound Over 14 Weeks



What is an OB Ultrasound over 14 weeks?

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

This exam is limited to heartbeat, fetal size or placenta location, fetal position, or qualitative amniotic fluid volume. This exam is normally performed transabdominally, however, if circumstances warrant a transvaginal approach may be used.

Organs visualized include: fetus, uterus, and occasionally maternal ovaries.

CPT Code

- 76805 over 14 weeks complete
- 76815 limited to fetal heartbeat, placental location or position
- 76816 re-evaluation of fetal size, amniotic fluid level, or evaluation of a specific organ
- 76817 transvaginal evaluation (may be used in addition to above codes)

Indications

This limited exam is used only when a patient has had a complete OB ultrasound. It is usually performed in the 3rd trimester and can be ordered as a follow-up exam.

determine fetal growth, estimate gestational age, evaluate the position of the placenta, determine the amount of amniotic fluid around the baby, check for opening or shortening of the cervix

Contraindications

none

How Does Your Patient Prepare?

Patient should wear a loose fitting two-piece outfit. A full bladder is not necessary.

What Happens During the Test?

Our technologist will obtain a medical history. Your patient will be asked to disrobe from the waist down and will be provided a gown or blanket. She is positioned lying face-up on an examination table that can be tilted or moved. A clear gel is applied to her abdomen.

The sonographer (ultrasound technologist) or radiologist then presses the transducer against the skin and sweeps it back and forth over the abdomen. 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.

The exam takes approximately 60 minutes to complete.

After the Test

After the exam the gel is wiped off. Your patient may resume normal activities. Iowa Radiology may provide a complimentary ultrasound picture to your patient as a keepsake.

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 and Dr. Jill Westercamp)

This manual is intended for use as merely a guideline for referring physicians and their staff only. It contains information pertaining to the most commonly ordered exams and indications. However, Iowa Radiology does not recommend any particular examination. Individual radiologist preference or patient circumstances may dictate ordering alternative studies. Although contrast codes are not needed to place an order, the following contrast codes may be used in placing orders: CT Contrast Q9967, MRI contrast A9577 and A9579.