

OB Complete Ultrasound



What is an OB Complete Ultrasound?

Ultrasound imaging or sonography uses sound waves to produce pictures of the inside of the body. Ultrasound exams do not use radiation. Fetal heart beat and anatomy can be assessed, and measurements can be made accurately on the images displayed on the screen. These measurements help determine the assessment of gestational age, size, and growth in the fetus. A complete ultrasound or level 2 morphology is typically performed when the pregnancy is at least 18 weeks. It is a comprehensive look at the baby's organs and skeletal structure.

This exam is usually performed trans-abdominally. If circumstances warrant, a trans-vaginal approach may be used.

Anatomy visualized include: baby's organs and skeletal structure, placenta, cervix, amniotic fluid characteristics.

CPT Code

76805

Indications

evaluation of fetal morphology, gestational age and assessment of fetal size and growth, placental localization, and determination of multiple pregnancies

Contraindications

none

How Does Your Patient Prepare?

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

What Happens During the Test?

Our technologist will obtain a medical history. Your patient will be asked to lie face up on an examination table with her abdomen exposed. 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 a scanner by a cord. The ultrasound image is available to the technologist immediately on a screen next to your patient.

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

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

(Information adapted from www.ob-ultrasound.net 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.