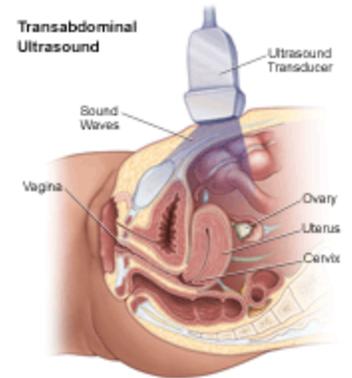


# Pelvic Ultrasound

## What is it?

This is a test that uses sound waves to help make a picture of the organs found in your pelvis. The test is painless. A small amount of jelly will be applied to your abdomen and then a small wand will be passed over your lower abdomen. A computer will make pictures of the organs in your pelvis, such as your uterus, ovaries, fallopian tubes and bladder. All pictures are taken through the abdominal wall. A vaginal probe is NOT used.



## Why has my doctor ordered this test?

This test is usually ordered in this clinic when a patient is having painful, irregular, or heavy periods. This test allows your doctor to see pictures of your ovaries. The test may help the doctor detect a problem that causes multiple cysts on your ovaries. Cysts are small, fluid-filled sacs that can be formed through the process of ovulation. When a patient has multiple cysts on her ovaries, this may indicate a problem called Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome. This may cause painful, irregular and heavy periods. If this problem is detected, your doctor may discuss with you treatment options.

## Special Instructions:

1. This test **WILL** have to be scheduled before you leave the office
2. You may not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before your test.
3. The doctors orders should be taken to the imaging center located near the Emergency Department at Children's and Women's Hospital
4. The results of your tests will be reviewed with you at your follow up visit.
5. If an appointment needs to be rescheduled due to results, we will contact you.
6. We may not discuss these results over the phone due to privacy concerns.

## Your Test is scheduled for:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

The Pediatric Healthy Life Center has prepared this sheet for your information only.

For more Information, please contact the Pediatric Healthy Life Center at 251-434-5038