

About your Ultrasound exam

You will find us in the Meridian Pavilion:
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Seattle, WA 98133

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Ultrasound scanning, or sonography, is one of the most widely used and safest diagnostic tools available to view the inside of your body. Ultrasound provides a noninvasive, painless means of observing soft-tissue anatomy. High-frequency sound waves are bounced off of internal body structures producing “echoes” which are viewed as images.

Ultrasound is particularly useful for looking at the organs within the abdomen, including the liver, gallbladder, kidney, spleen, pancreas, male and female pelvic organs, neck and soft tissues. Ultrasound is also widely used to evaluate a growing fetus.

Before your exam

Preparation for your ultrasound study will depend upon the type of exam you are having.

- Abdomen, liver, gall-bladder and pancreas: Do NOT eat or drink anything 6-8 hours prior to your exam; clear liquids like water are OK.

- OB and pelvic: Arrive with a full bladder. Finish drinking 2 glasses of water 1 hour prior to your exam. Do not empty your bladder.

- Kidneys: Drink 2 glasses of water 1 hour prior to your exam. Do not empty your bladder.

- For all aorta and abdominal vascular studies: Do NOT eat or drink 6 hours prior to exam.

- Thyroid, scrotum, hernia, blood clots or musculoskeletal disorders: No preparation is necessary.

For ultrasound-guided procedures: the prep may vary. Please call Via Radiology at (206) 306-1011 for details.

During your exam

During your exam, you will lie on a padded table, and gel will be applied to the region of your body under examination. The technologist will place on your skin a hand-held device called a transducer. The transducer sends and

receives ultrasound signals and is moved over the area of your body being imaged.

Selected ultrasound images are captured and submitted for review and interpretation by a specialty-trained radiologist. The procedure is generally

painless; minor discomfort may result from fullness of the bladder during some types of exams. The time required to complete an ultrasound usually ranges from 20 to 60 minutes.

After your exam

You may resume your normal eating habits and activities. A radiologist will read and interpret the findings of your

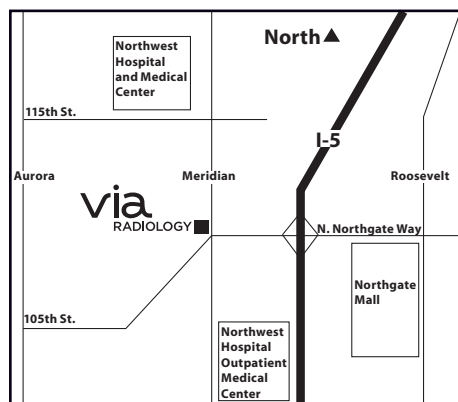
examination and provide your physician with a detailed report. Your referring physician will discuss the results with you.

Via Radiology

Via Radiology is a team of board-certified, subspecialty trained physicians and caring staff who are dedicated to providing the highest quality diagnostic imaging and imaging guided therapeutic procedures in the Puget Sound Region.

By merging advanced technology, uncompromising professional standards, and a patient-focused approach, we provide our patients safe, accurate and appropriate care, and our referring medical professionals with expert radiologic consultations.

Location



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We are in the Meridian Pavilion, 11011 Meridian Avenue N., Suite 101, on the Northwest corner of Meridian Avenue N. and Northgate Way. Plenty of free, on-site parking is available at our convenient location.

Driving directions

From the North:

- I-5 Southbound
- Exit at Northgate Way/1st Ave. NE, Exit 173
- Take the Northgate Way Westbound ramp
- Turn right onto N. Northgate Way
- Continue thru the first light, which is the intersection of Northgate Way and Meridian Avenue N.
- Immediately after the light turn right into the parking garage for Meridian Pavilion.

From the South:

- I-5 Northbound
- Take the Northgate Way/1st Ave. NE, Exit 173
- Turn left onto 1st Ave. NE
- Turn left onto N. Northgate Way
- Continue straight thru two lights until you reach the intersection of Northgate Way and Meridian Avenue N.
- Immediately after the light turn right into the parking garage for Meridian Pavilion.

From Highway 99/Aurora Ave N.:

- Turn East on North 105th Street, which becomes Northgate Way
- Drive 0.6 miles
- Immediately before the intersection of Meridian Avenue N. and Northgate Way, turn left into the parking garage for Meridian Pavilion.