

Thyroid & Parathyroid Head-Neck Patient Information

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Welcome to VCU Health Ultrasound Imaging.

We are in the main hospital 3rd floor, 1200 East Marshall Street. Our hours are Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm. Advanced scheduling is required for all diagnostic ultrasound exams. Please review the following information about your test. Please call (804) 628-3850 to schedule your test or if you have any questions about diagnostic ultrasound.

What is it?

Sonography of the entire neck.

Why are you having this test?

You are having this study to establish presence or absence, nature or extent of the disease affecting the thyroid or parathyroid. Some of the indications include but are not limited to:

- To evaluate the location and characteristics of a palpable neck mass or enlarged thyroid
- Evaluation of abnormalities detected in other imaging.
- Evaluation after lab abnormalities
- Identification and localization of parathyroid abnormalities in a patient with known or suspected hyperparathyroidism.

Preparing for the test

- No prep
- Bring a picture ID and insurance information
- Please arrive thirty minutes before your appointment time.

What to expect during the test

- This study will take about 30 minutes
- The sonographer will use a cold gel to help imaging
- You might be asked to hold your neck in different positions

After Care information

- You may resume normal activity

Follow up care after the procedure

- Results should be available 1-2 business days on the patient portal and to your ordering physician.
- For results: please contact the physician that ordered your test

Contact information if questions or concerns

Any questions, please contact us at (804) 628-4077 and ask for an ultrasound technologist.