

Gallbladder 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?

Gallbladder ultrasound to assess the gallbladder for stones, sludge, pericholecystic fluid, and/or wall thickening.

Why are you having this test?

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

- Signs or symptoms that may be referred from the abdominal region
- Cholecystitis
- Palpable abnormality over gallbladder
- Abnormal lab values
- Abnormal findings on other examinations

Preparing for the test

- Nothing to eat or drink for 6 hours prior
- You might be asked to change into a gown
- 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 will be asked to lay in certain 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.