

EPAC ultrasound scanning

- When you attend the early pregnancy assessment clinic (EPAC) you will be offered a transvaginal ultrasound scan to identify the location of the pregnancy and whether there is a fetal pole and heartbeat.
- A transvaginal scan involves inserting a small ultrasound probe with a sterile cover into the vagina and images are transmitted to a monitor. Internal examinations may cause some discomfort, but don't usually cause any pain and shouldn't take very long. If you require a chaperone, please inform the sonographer at the time of scanning.

- If a transvaginal ultrasound scan is unacceptable to you, a transabdominal ultrasound scan can be performed, however there are limitations to this method of scanning and this could possibly delay your appropriate care.
- Please be aware that children cannot be left unaccompanied in the ultrasound waiting area whilst your scan is being performed. If you do not arrange child care and are unhappy to have your child in the room with you during the scan, the ultrasound department will be unable to perform your scan.
- Please note in keeping with Trust procedure, we are unable to provide pictures of your baby or permit any recording on mobile devices. We are able to provide images at the first trimester/dating scan service booked through your midwife.
- Scans are performed by both male and female sonographers.