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Transvaginal scan

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The purpose of the scan

The transvaginal scan allows us to visualise the structures in the pelvis such as the womb and ovaries.

It may be possible to detect some lesions such as fibroids, polyps or cysts on the ovaries. In some instances, however it might not be possible to detect everything if the lesion is too small or if it is hidden behind the bowel.

If you are having treatment to induce ovulation, the transvaginal scan will allow us to visualise the growing follicle, measure their size then we will be able to decide on the course of your treatment.

This scan is performed by both male and female sonographers

How is it performed?

A slender probe is cleaned with antiseptic solution and wrapped with a probe cover. This is introduced through the vagina and moved gently in the direction of the structures whilst seeing it on the screen.

Is there anything I need to do before the examination?

You need to have an empty bladder.

Will I be told about the results?

The sonographer will tell you the findings on the scan. The significance of the findings and subsequent management will be discussed at your follow up visit with the clinician.