



BREAST ULTRASOUND

WHAT IS THIS TEST?

This exam evaluates the tissue of the breasts. Pictures of breast tissue are taken with sound waves, not x-rays.

WHY IS THIS TEST DONE?

You or your doctor may have found a “lump” while examining your breasts. A routine mammogram may have revealed an area that your doctor feels needs further evaluation.

BEFORE THIS TEST

There are no restrictions prior to a breast ultrasound.

If you have had a mammogram performed at another facility, you must bring your films with you. The sonogram *cannot* be performed without these films for reference, and your appointment will be rescheduled if you do not bring them.

DURING THIS TEST

You will be asked to change from your clothes into a hospital gown.

You will be asked to lie on an exam table.

Warm gel is applied to the skin. This helps the scanner slide on your skin.

Pictures will be seen on a TV screen during the exam.

AFTER THE TEST

You may be asked to wait while the pictures are developed.

The Radiologist often rescans to help him/her compare the mammogram and sonogram films.

This is not unusual; do not be alarmed if this happens.

TEST RESULTS

The pictures are reviewed by the Radiologist and the results are sent to your doctor. The results *cannot* be given to you by the sonographer administering the test.

If you have any questions, call your physician or call the Hamot Ultrasound Department at (814) 877-2258.

If you cannot keep your appointment, please call our scheduling department at (814) 877-6123 to reschedule.