



## **OB ULTRASOUND/SONOGRAM 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> TRIMESTER (15-42 WEEKS)**

### **WHAT IS THIS TEST?**

Pictures of your baby are taken with sound waves, not x-rays.

### **WHY IS THIS TEST DONE?**

You may not remember the date of your last period.

You may be having some spotting, bleeding, or pain.

You may have measured smaller or larger than expected when your doctor examined you.

Your doctor may want to check the size/dates of the pregnancy or check that the baby is growing properly if you had a previous sonogram with this pregnancy.

### **BEFORE THIS TEST**

60 minutes before the test you are to drink 24-32 oz (3-4 large glasses) of water. Do not use the bathroom to empty your bladder. **Your bladder must be full for the test.**

### **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 will be applied to your abdomen. This helps the scanner slide easily 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 being developed.

### **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.**