



## DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND IMAGING

An ultrasound of the neck is ordered to evaluate thyroid nodules and other neck masses. Diagnostic ultrasound imaging is an excellent tool physicians use to gather information about the size, shape, and specific characteristics of the area in question.

**During the exam**, our highly skilled Ultrasound Technologist will image and measure the entire thyroid. Each nodule is then thoroughly evaluated using specific sonographic tools to provide details about size, blood flow, and other features. If previous ultrasounds or imaging studies are available, these will be used to compare to the current image. Upon completion of the ultrasound, the study will be read by a Radiologist and a final report of findings will be completed and sent to the ordering physician.

Our ultrasound machine is equipped with advanced technology that helps to provide high quality diagnostic images.

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**Consistency is key when following thyroid nodules.** Ultrasound technology, sonographer experience, and radiologist impressions can vary with location. At our office, we ensure that these factors remain consistent in order to best evaluate and follow any growth or changes in thyroid nodules. For this reason, we *strongly* encourage our patients to have their ultrasounds in our offices so that we are able to provide the best, most consistent imaging studies possible!

***\*\*\*Please come appropriately dressed with clothing that exposes the lower neck area, such as a V-neck shirt or button down collar.***