

Preparing for Your Screening Ultrasound

Congratulations on your pregnancy! Your screening ultrasound appointment is a very exciting time. We want to make sure you know what to expect during this appointment and the purpose for the screening ultrasound.

A screening ultrasound is performed specifically for **diagnostic reasons** to make sure your baby is healthy. We look at all of baby's parts – head to toe!

The sonographer has a great deal of responsibility during the screening ultrasound and will need to **concentrate on the imaging** as she will be examining baby's anatomy and taking measurements. For this reason we ask for a quiet, respectful environment while the screening is taking place to assure accurate information gathering about the health of your baby.

Please Note: Occasionally, the position of the baby does not allow for a complete screening exam. For example, we might not be able to get a good look at the baby's heart due to his/her position. In this case, you may need to return for a follow up screening ultrasound.

Family and friends are welcome. **Please help guests understand** the seriousness of the screening, and maintain the quiet and respectful environment needed to obtain successful diagnostic information about the health of your baby. If you bring other small children, you might want to have an extra adult also come along, just to focus on their needs. The ultrasound can take up to 40 minutes to complete.

If the baby is positioned in a way that the sonographer can determine his/her sex, she will share that information with you, unless you do not wish to know. If you would like the information placed in a card to open later, please ask. Please be aware that **sometimes the baby is not positioned in a way that we can determine the sex.**

Pictures will be provided for all OB ultrasounds. The **use of cameras and videotaping is not permitted.**

We look forward to seeing you for this very important and exciting ultrasound. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns by emailing comments@oakdaleobgyn.com or calling 763-587-7000. Please ask to speak to one of our nurses.