Pelvic Ultrasound

What is a Pelvic Ultrasound?
Ultrasound imaging, or sonography, uses sound waves to produce pictures of the inside of the body. Ultrasound exams do not use radiation. Ultrasound images are captured in real time so they can show the structure and movement of the body’s internal organs, as well as blood flowing through blood vessels.

Organs visualized –
Women: Uterus, endometrium, ovaries, adnexa, bladder.
Men: Seminal vesicles and bladder.

CPT Codes
76856 Trans-abdominal
76830 Trans-vaginal
** Women - Both studies are typically performed, unless otherwise specified.

Indications
Women: Evaluate the ovaries, uterus, cervix, adnexa, and bladder. Pelvic pain, abnormal bleeding, menstrual concerns, fibroids, cysts, ovarian or uterine cancers.
Men: Evaluate the bladder and seminal vesicles.

Contraindications
None.

How Does The Patient Prepare?
The patient should wear a loose-fitting, two-piece outfit and arrive with a full bladder.

What Happens During the Test?
The technologist (sonographer) will obtain a medical history. The patient will be positioned face up on an examination table with the abdomen exposed. A clear gel is applied to the area of concern. The sonographer or radiologist then presses a small, hand-held device called a transducer against the skin and sweeps it back and forth over the area. Images are immediately available to the sonographer. For women, after the trans-abdominal part of the exam is complete, the patient will be asked to empty her bladder. She will lie down on the exam table and her feet will be placed in stirrups, similar to a gynecologic exam. The technologist or radiologist will insert the ultrasound camera into her vagina and take several images of the uterus and ovaries. The exam takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

After the Test
The patient may resume normal activities.

The Results
The radiologist will analyze the images and send a signed report to the referring physician within one business day.

(Information adapted from www.ob-ultrasound.net and Dr. Jill Westercamp)

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However, Shawnee Mission Medical Center Radiology does not recommend any particular examination. Individual radiologist preference or patient circumstances may dictate ordering alternative studies. Although contrast codes are not needed to place an order, the following contrast codes may be used in placing orders:
- CT Contrast Q9967
- MRI contrast A9577 and A9579.