

We can take a measurement of a mother's cervix with an OB ultrasound. This measurement is important because if the cervix is short, the mother could be at risk for pre-term birth.



We offer a 3-D profile of your baby. The 3-D image is clearer, more detailed than the traditional 2-D profile, allowing physicians and parents to clearly see certain fetal anomalies.

Thank you for choosing the Legacy Medical Group—Maternal-Fetal Medicine for your OB ultrasound.

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Questions about OB ultrasound

Pregnancy is a time of wonder and hope. At Legacy Medical Group–Maternal-Fetal Medicine, we have many tools to learn about your baby’s health.

One of our tools is obstetric (OB) ultrasound. This brochure is intended to answer questions about OB ultrasound. We hope that your experience here at Legacy Medical Group–Maternal-Fetal Medicine is a memorable one. If you have any concerns, please let us know.

What is an obstetric ultrasound?

Obstetric (OB) ultrasound is an examination of your baby or babies through the use of sound waves. Using this technique, we can assess:

- The growth of your baby or babies
- The baby’s anatomy (parts of the body)
- Location of the placenta
- Length and status of the cervix
- Amount of fluid around the baby or babies

Who does the ultrasound?

The exam is performed by a certified sonographer, also called an ultrasound technologist. The exam is interpreted — while you are here in our office — by our certified physicians. Some exams also require that our physician perform part of the ultrasound.

When will I get my results?

Results will be explained to you prior to leaving our office.

Why would I get more than one ultrasound?

Not all ultrasound exams are the same. Details of the baby are affected by how far along you are in your pregnancy, your weight, baby’s position and the type of exam being performed. During your visit, you may have one exam performed or several exams, depending on your unique clinical needs.

Is ultrasound safe?

Yes. OB ultrasound has never been shown to be harmful to a developing baby or child.

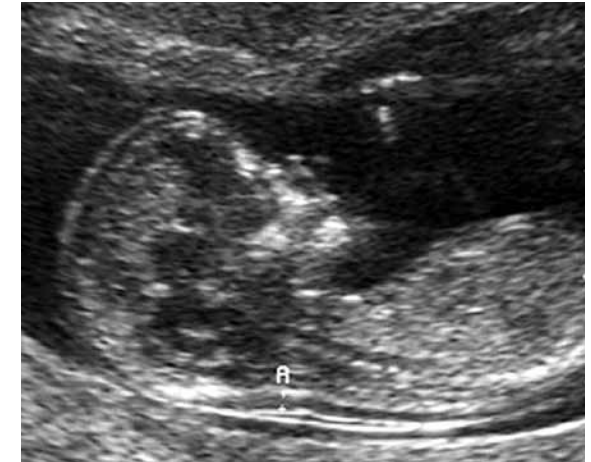
Will I get pictures of my baby?

Yes. You will be given pictures of your baby prior to leaving our office. However, we do not record the entire exam for people to take home, nor do we allow videotaping during the exam.

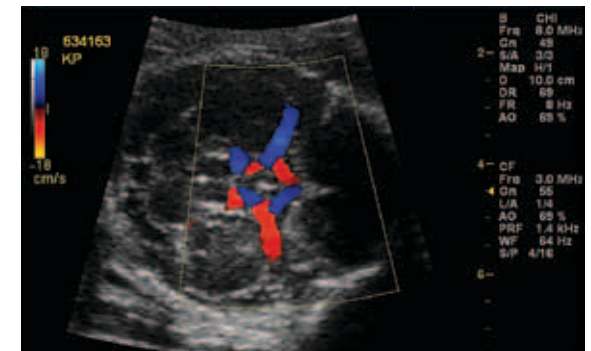
Does ultrasound guarantee a normal baby?

No. The ability to see all future problems is beyond the ability of ultrasound. Some types of problems may be too small or not visible using ultrasound.

About the examinations



At 12 weeks (the first trimester), we can measure the nuchal translucency. This measurement is important because it helps determine whether you are at an increased risk of having a baby with a chromosomal abnormality, such as Down syndrome or trisomy 18.



Ultrasound can help physicians assess blood flow to your baby, which can be important information in certain situations.