MID NORTH IMAGING

MUSCULOSKELETAL ULTRASOUND

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

What is a musculoskeletal ultrasound scan?

Ultrasound is an effective tool for imaging soft tissue anatomy. It can be used to provide high resolution images of joints, muscles, tendons and ligaments throughout the body. Ultrasound scans can be used to investigate sports and work-related injuries as well as causes of chronic musculoskeletal pain.

What preparation is required?

No preparation is required for musculoskeletal ultrasounds.

Duration of the examination

The duration of the scan will depend on the area being examined and the extent of the injury or pain. Typically, a scan will take approximately 20 minutes.

What will happen during the examination?

You may be asked to change into a gown and possibly remove jewellery depending on the area being scanned. The sonographer performing the examination may begin by taking a history of your complaint. Ultrasound gel will then be applied to the area of interest and an ultrasound transducer will be used to scan the relevant anatomy. For each body area there is a routine series of images that will be taken. There may be times when the sonographer scans areas that are not tender to build up a complete understanding of your complaint and to look for causes of referred pain.

Are there any risks?

Ultrasound scans use high frequency sound waves when producing images. Ultrasound has been used in medicine since the 1950's and there have been no confirmed adverse effects attributed to diagnostic ultrasound exposure in this time. No ionizing radiation is used in ultrasound.

After the examination

The images will be reviewed and reported by our Radiologist. For your convenience we can generally deliver the imaging and report to your doctor by the next working day. Urgent cases are reported immediately after the scan and results sent to your doctor.

Please bring with you:

- Your request form
- All previous relevant imaging
- Medicare and any healthcare or concession cards
- Workcover claim details if the examination is part of a Workcover claim

For more information on this examination please contact our clinic on (08) 7634 6677 or email admin@midnorthimaging.com.au

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