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## Gynaecology Scan Information

### PELVIC SCAN

**The scan is usually carried out internally with an empty bladder.** It is a painless procedure, which involves inserting a slim ultrasound probe, covered with a protective sheath, into the vagina. It is no more uncomfortable than inserting a tampon. If you prefer, you can insert it yourself. It does not matter if you are bleeding on the day of the scan.

If you would like a chaperone in the scan room, we can arrange for a second health care professional to be present during the scan.

Internal scans may not be suitable for every patient, especially the very young or old. If you are unable to insert a tampon, we can perform an alternative (but unfortunately much less informative) abdominal scan with a full bladder. If this applies to you, please drink two pints of any fluid one hour before your appointment and do not empty your bladder. The scan can only be performed when you are at the very uncomfortable stage, but will only take about 10 minutes to complete.