PELVIC ULTRASOUND – PATIENT ADVICE SHEET

MAKING THE APPOINTMENT

Your doctor will send a referral request form for an ultrasound to Affidea. You will be contacted within the next 24 hours by Affidea to confirm an appointment time and Clinic Location. Please make sure you have your phone on you between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30 hours. If you receive a missed call from an unknown number, please return the call and **ask to speak to a member of the ultrasound booking team.**

WHAT IS A PELVIC ULTRASOUND

Ultrasound imaging is a method used for acquiring information about the inside of the body using high-frequency radio waves.. A probe is passed across your lower abdomen to capture the images required to establish the stage of your pregnancy

WHAT IS INVOLVED

You may be required to have a full bladder before the scan – you will be advised of this when you are being booked for the scan. You will be asked to change into a gown and you will be placed lying down on a n examination table. A gel is applied to the skin and an ultrasound probe is moved over the gel to acquire the images. The examination takes approximately 20 minutes.

A Transvaginal scan is often performed to support the abdominal scan. You will be asked to empty your bladder for this scan and you will also have to give signed consent. A chaperone is present for this type of scan. As an infection control measure the probe will be covered with a sterile protective barrier.

Please inform the Sonographer BEFORE the scan begins if you have any allergies/sensitivities.

IS IT SAFE

For standard diagnostic ultrasound examinations there are no known harmful effects.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

A specialist medical Consultant will write a report to your referring doctor detailing the findings of the ultrasound scan. You will be given the results at your next visit to your Doctor/Health Provider.**Please Note: The person scanning you <u>will not be able to give you any information</u> about the scan findings.**

