



NEONATAL HEAD ULTRASOUND

Patient: _____ Appointment Date: _____

Appointment Time: _____ am/pm

Location: Diagnostic Imaging Department, lower level at Mankato Clinic
1230 East Main Street, Mankato, MN 56001
Please enter the Mankato Clinic front door (marked #50)

Please check in at the Diagnostic Imaging Department.

If you are unable to keep your appointment or have questions, please call (507) 389-8570.

What is a Neonatal Head Ultrasound?

A neonatal head ultrasound uses sound waves, not radiation, and an instrument called a transducer to obtain images of your child's brain.

How do I prepare for the test:

- There are no dietary restrictions for this test.
- We recommend that you contact your insurance company prior to your appointment to understand what your coverage is for this test.
- To provide the best service and ensure the safety of your child, additional, young, unsupervised children should not accompany parents to the Ultrasound appointments. Safety practices limit the number of people in the testing room and young children are not to be left unsupervised while in the waiting room or lobby. This will also ensure you are available to assist your child during their test, if needed, which will result in better image outcomes.
- Arriving late may result in rescheduling your test.

What will happen during the test:

- Your child will be placed on a bed on their back.
- This test may take up to 30-60 minutes to complete.
- Warm gel will be placed on your child's head.
- A transducer will be placed on their head and moved around during the test.
- The sonographer will take several images.

Instructions for after the test:

- The child may resume their regular routine unless given other instructions.
- The child's test will be reviewed and read by a Pediatric Radiologist within the next 2-3 business days.
- The final signed report will be sent to the provider that ordered the test.
- Your child's test results will be available in their patient portal immediately after the provider reviews them. Their provider will discuss the results with you at their follow-up appointment. If your child does not have a follow-up appointment, their provider will contact you by letter or phone within five to seven business days.