

Ultrasounds during Pregnancy

Routine ultrasounds are performed in Suite 5 at Los Olivos. It is common for the physicians to order a screening ultrasound between 16 and 20 weeks. Ultrasounds check for placental and fetal abnormalities but cannot detect all problems. They do not evaluate fetal genetic abnormalities. If you will be over the age of 35 at delivery, or if you are high risk, your doctor may refer you to Obstetrix for a Level II ultrasound.

Obstetric ultrasounds performed at 9 – 28 weeks of pregnancy require a full bladder. Please try to arrive at your appointment time with a full bladder. The best way to attain this is to drink four 8-ounce glasses of water an hour prior to your appointment. Third trimester scans do not require a full bladder.

We cannot videotape the ultrasound for you. You may bring a camera and videotape directly from the screen. You will be given pictures from the ultrasound. If you are scheduled for an ultrasound, your family is welcome to attend. When family members attend routine visits or your ultrasound appointment, we ask that you arrive in one car or use street parking for additional cars.