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Breast ultrasound is an exam where an image of breast tissue is formed using sound waves. It is usually done along with a mammogram. Ultrasound can show the difference between fluid and solid parts of the breast.

How Do I Get Ready for This Test?

There is no preparation required for this test.

How Is the Test Done?

You will change into a gown and lie on your back on a padded table. The sonographer (person who does your ultrasound) will position you in the best way to see the area of interest. Warmed gel and a transducer (oblong device a few inches long) will be placed on your skin. This transducer sends out high frequency sound waves. As some of these waves “bounce back”, they are picked up and displayed as an image that can be seen by the radiologist.

What Will I Feel During the Test?

You will feel slight pressure from the transducer as it moves across the skin. Most patients report no discomfort from this test.

How Long Does This Test Take?

The test takes about 30 minutes to 1 hour.

How Will I Learn the Results of the Test?

Your images are read by a radiologist. Your results will be given to you through My Chart, letter by mail, or you may receive a phone message. Your provider that ordered your test will also receive a completed report.