Welcome to Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital Radiology. Your physician has scheduled you for an Ultrasound in Radiology. Ultrasound is a diagnostic procedure that does not use radiation, but instead uses high frequency sound waves to produce images of the body. All ultrasound procedures are performed by highly trained, registered sonographers who work closely with a dedicated group of ultrasound radiologists.

**SCHEDULING**
Radiology ultrasound appointments are scheduled M-F from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Ultrasound exams are scheduled by appointment only by your referring physician. To reschedule your ultrasound exam, please call Radiology Scheduling at 314-996-8080, M-F from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

**YOUR ARRIVAL**
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment to allow for registration time.
- Please bring a photo ID (driver’s license or state ID), and insurance card(s) with you to your appointment.
- If you are scheduled for a biopsy, paracentesis, or thoracentesis, please bring an updated list of all medications.

**PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM**
- Take your medication as you normally do, unless your referring physician has told you otherwise.
- Depending on the type of exam, your referring physician will give you instructions on whether you can eat or drink anything for several hours before your exam.
- Be prepared to discuss your current medications, allergies, past medical history, and any previous surgeries.
- A sonographer will explain the exam and answer any questions.

**LENGTH OF EXAM**
Exams typically take 45 minutes or less, but may vary according to the area being imaged.

**AFTER YOUR EXAM**
- All radiology exams are read by a physician known as a Radiologist. The radiologists at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital are all specialized experts in their field.
- The radiologist will report your Ultrasound results to your referring physician within 24 hours. Your referring physician’s office will discuss the results with you.

**QUESTIONS**
Visit our website at www.barnesjewishwestcounty.org/radiology or call the Radiology Department at 314-996-8496.