Patient Prep & Instruction Manual
Scheduled Test: Pregnancy Ultrasound

Date:_____________ Time:_____________

Where: You will report to Radiology Reception (ground floor/Dulles Building). Look for signs to the Radiology Reception area where you are to check in.

Purpose: This test provides a picture of the developing fetus. This examination is safe and painless; there is no radiation involved.

Preparation: If you are in your first 3 months of pregnancy, please drink 3-4 glasses of clear liquids, such as water, juice, and etc. one hour before your scheduled examination. PLEASE DO NOT EMPTY YOUR BLADDER!!

If you are in your 4th to 9th month of pregnancy, please drink 1-2 glasses of clear liquids one hour before your scheduled examination. PLEASE DO NOT EMPTY YOUR BLADDER!!.

Procedure: This procedure usually takes approximately 45 minutes. Please note that examination times may vary. After you are in the examination room, you will be asked to change into a gown and provide a brief history. You will then be placed on a stretcher. In order to obtain quality images, we will need to place a water-based gel on your abdomen. A plastic device called a transducer will be placed over the abdominal area and moved back and forth to obtain images necessary to answer your physician’s questions.

After Care: After the test, you may resume all normal activities. Your attending physician will discuss the results of your ultrasound examination with you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of our technologists at (215) 662-3123.