

Green Valley OB/GYN will be offering you ultrasound(s) during the course of your pregnancy. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time to allow for check-in. If you are late, you may have to be rescheduled. Please make sure all family members are on time as well. **Once the ultrasound starts, we cannot stop it to allow them in.**

The purpose of these ultrasound may vary from determining viability, growth, fetal position, amniotic fluid volume, placental location, and anatomy depending on your stage in the pregnancy. A normal study does not guarantee that the baby will not have a defect. Detection of malformations may be hindered by fetal position, type of defect, fetal age, or patient body habitus.

We welcome family members to observe these ultrasounds with you. You may bring children under the age of 12 to your anatomy ultrasound **ONLY**. This ultrasound will be done around 20 weeks of pregnancy. For the anatomy ultrasound, we ask that you bring no more than **4** people with you (including children). **ONE** adult will join you during the initial part of the ultrasound while the other family members will be asked to remain in the waiting room. The technologist will have them join you for a **brief** look at the end of the exam. For all your other ultrasounds, you may bring up to two people with you (no children under the age of 12). Children **MUST** be accompanied by another adult to supervise them. This is to ensure that the ultrasound technologist will be able to concentrate on a very intense exam of your baby.

Although Green Valley feels that the 20 week anatomy ultrasound is very important and medically relevant, your insurance carrier may feel that it is not and may deny payment. If you wish to have the ultrasound done, please be aware that if insurance does not pay, you will be responsible for the ultrasound charge. You may wish to check with your insurance carrier prior to this appointment to see whether it is covered or not.

It is important that you avoid caffeine on the day of your appointment because this can cause excessive fetal movement and interfere with the exam.

Please be advised that the results will be reviewed and discussed with you by a provider. Any questions regarding your scan can be answered by the provider. The ultrasonographer is unable to provide results to the patient.

We will not allow videotaping or taking pictures during the examination to avoid distractions for the technologist, but you will be given pictures for you to share.

We would like to remind you that no food or drink is allowed in the ultrasound rooms and to please **silence and put away cell phones and other electronic devices.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Patient signature _____

Date _____ Chart# _____