

OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND POLICY

During your pregnancy, you will most likely have several ultrasounds. You are encouraged to discuss these scans with your doctor, who will be happy to explain the reason each scan will be important for you.

You will have the first one at your first prenatal visit to establish dates and to make sure that all looks normal with the pregnancy.

Your second one will be the Nuchal Translucency scan. This scan looks at your baby's neck and helps to assess the risk for Down Syndrome and other genetic problems in the baby. This scan is optional.

The next scan is at approximately 20 weeks. This is an anatomy scan. Our sonographers will look over your baby from head to toe to look for anything that may not be developing normally. Also done at this time, is a scan to check the length of your cervix, which can indicate whether your cervix may not be competent to hold the baby to term.

Another ultrasound scan is usually done around 36 weeks to check the size of your baby and to make sure everything looks as it should.

The cost of ultrasound is \$400-\$500 per scan. These will be billed to your insurance carrier.

If you are having any health issues or problems with your pregnancy, additional scans may be needed.

Recently, we have found that insurance is limiting the number of ultrasounds that they will cover. While our ultrasounds are billed with the appropriate procedure and diagnosis codes, we are finding that insurance is occasionally denying coverage. Any ultrasound scans not covered by your insurance will be your responsibility.

Please sign below indicating that you have read and understand our ultrasound policy.

Thank you.

Chicago Women's Health Group

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____